

IN A WORLD WHERE REASON HAS FLED THE MINDS OF MEN THERE IS STILL ...

POISON PEN

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CONTINUING
THIS ISSUE-

HASTINGS, 1883...Deposed Mayor B.S. Pray, now only half-human, heads with his interpreter to the downtown dole office...when suddenly...

But two power-crazed Peace Officers, once in the employ of the Brighton Drug Squad, gently persuade this hapless being to observe the Law...



His companion patiently explains that Society is undergoing a campaign to rid themselves of anarchists for ever...by pretending to like them...

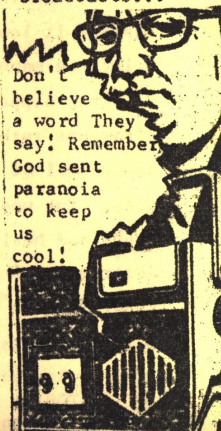
...encouraging low IQ citizens to read their newsletters...

...and to listen to their radio broadcasts...



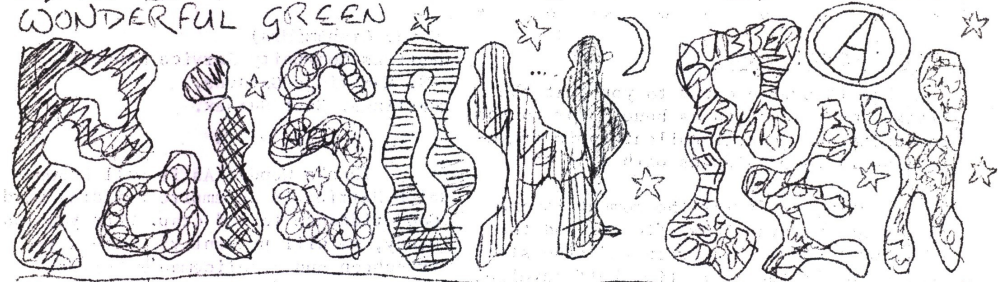
Read it! It is the Truth!

The effort will harm his brain!



Don't believe a word They say! Remember, God sent paranoia to keep us cool!

GET BACK TO NORMALITY WITH
WONDERFUL GREEN



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SHAME

WARNING—THIS FIRST
ITEM REFERS
TO CERTAIN
KIDS
PARTS
OF THE BODY
AND MAY BE
OFFENSIVE

HOME GROWN

With the summer days beginning to shorten, and the sunlight hours beginning to wane, Mother Nature takes it upon herself to ensure the flowering, seeding and ripening of any of her pot plants that might be residing in the district. As we all know, the summer has not been so good this year, so quality probably won't be all it could, I mean, this ain't exactly 10,000' up in the Himalayas, is it? No—right, so why the hell should we have to fork out £25 or £30 and ounce for dope grown in the middle of a clump of gorse at Fairlight, etc, etc. If growers want to make a bit to cover costs, risks etc, surely something closer to single figures would be more appropriate. In fact, why sell it at all? Why not stash it for those long winter months that lie ahead, I mean, if it's good enough to sell, it's good enough to keep and then you won't have to pay out £30 a week all through the low season for Moroccan or whatever it is you get hold of.

While we are on the subject of homegrown, the CUNT/PRICK AWARD of the month (see we're not sexist all the time) must go to the blonde haired roofer working in a certain house at 99, Marina. He was seen last Friday morning at about 10.15 am to approach a garden a number of doors along from 99 and sever all five mature bushy plants while the owner, a good citizen, was answering questions at the cop shop (fines).

I mean, the creepy little thief might have left something, if only one plant, but no, the thoughtless little fucker took the lot. Well, blonde roofer, we know who you are and we are biding our time before we pass sentence, if any of you readers can

offer suggestions as to how this sort of blight can be swept from our midst, please

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GOOD HEALTH?

I know a lady in her sixties who was told by her doctor that she had a heart complaint and that as a matter of urgency he would arrange for her to go to hospital for an E.E.G. reading so that a full diagnosis could be completed. The doctor told her she would have to go to hospital in a couple of days but they have since been informed that nothing can be done for six weeks or so. This is what happens when you cut money to the health service. In every case when money is cut a choice has to be made between expensive machinery and staff. So any of you out there happily counting the extra in your pay packets from the tax cuts should realise just who is paying for them. Remember this is just one case among many thousands, mostly I suppose it means extra time spent worrying or in pain but sometimes people are going to die. I hope Tory prosperity is working for you...and I hope you don't get ill. The Vicar

INSIDE THIS ISSUE...! Peter the Halibut fights back against his critics! Fab gear poems from local pop-star and aspiring local pop-star! Is Poison Pen sexist? The debate rages...Is Emile de Fronk Zipper REALLY Bernard Spray in cosmic time-warp?

Can he be saved from the Thing from Galaxy Seven before its horrid tendrils destroy both Bernie and the entire Hastings Council? Does anybody care? Are Hastings Council STILL Out To Lunch or have they clubbed together and bought a brain?

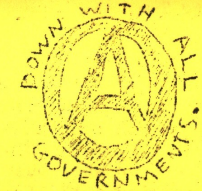
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Gone off to festivals leaving me to do
THE Drawing...

... Anyway This is the

YELLOW

POISON PEN



A RIGHT ROYAL ISSUE.

YOU'RE EITHER ON THE BUS OR OFF THE BUS

So Maidstone and District are going to carry out yet another survey into the non-bus service they are responsible for. It will last three weeks starting on Sunday August 11th.

The idea they claim is to find out where people go on buses that are full etc. so that they can run a better service. The other surveys they have run over the last two years or so have all led to cuts in the service.

Whats the betting that this time round it will show that people want more buses more often at more regular intervals and an extended service with later buses at night and earlier ones in the morning?

Ha-Ha....

M&D showed how much they really care about what people think of the 'service', by the offhand way they treated the three ladies who organised a petition against cuts in the West Hill service. Over 1,000 signatures were collected complaining at the lack of buses.

"The present level of service is more than adequate for the present patronage" burbled some beauracrat called Mr Walkers. Doesn't he realise that "the present patronage" pay his wages and are very angry and they do NOT think the present level of service is adequate?

If M & D will take no notice of 1,000 people telling them directly what they think of the service, why waste our money (from fares and taxes) on an expensive survey?

Once again we urge people not to co-operate--- refuse the form, scribble on it

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AND NOW: THE EPIC THAT WAS HOURS
IN THE MAKING - A THROBBING 10 INCHES
OF: GASP, PANT, GRAPPLE

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BACK: BY PUBLIC DEMAND (HA HA!)

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the BIG ONE

CLASSY
MORE
AND PAKED
PAGES
LARGER
FEATURES
TWO-TON
FRONS
LIMPET

News has just reached this office of Drug Squad activities in and around Hastings. It seems that Messrs Herring and Bacon are active in Rye. Inspector Tarbun is not at home; it is rumoured that he has come to Hastings, lured by the good weather, the excellent food and wine and the challenging prospect of interfering with the town's 'subversive' elements. You know the sort of thing.

The question that is being asked is : Operation Lager, Part 657? Are they still running here and there busting epeople in alleyways, at their flats, in the pubs? Taking photos of 'those involved' from unmarked cars? And if so, why? Is this an attempt to re-establish the Sussex D.S. as a going concern after the flurry of bizarre events of the last year; events which need no mention here, but which embarrassed the brave lads in blue denim and which produced a wave of busts, mostly meaningless and gratuitous.

So take heed. Be careful. The silly season is in again.

GROVEL...THANKS...WE ALWAYS KNEW YOU CARED...

Thanks to the astonishing reaction to last week's appeal for funds, P.P. is on the streets for another week. In all we collected thirteen pounds, which may not sound much, but is enough to produce this issue and leaves a bit over.

However, encouraging though this response is, it must be said that much of the sum raised came from a few people giving a lot, rather than a lot of people giving a little. It doesn't have to be much, nor need you give every week. Every little bit helps.

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OR THE SCUNTHORPE
WEEKLY OBSERVER...

NO, IT'S
YOUR OWN -

UP
THE
FRONTPIECE'S

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BRITAIN'S
NO.1

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THERE WILL BE

NO MORE P.P.'S

(UNTIL NEXT WEEK)

Poision Pen has been in print every week for the last ten months or so. Costs vary from week to week depending on how many sheets we print. Paper costs about £2.50 per ream (500 sheets) and each stencil used costs 15p. Total cost to produce each weeks issue averages about £10.00. Some half of this sum is collected in donations and and the balance is made up by Hastings Anarchist Group. As we do not charge for the paper we are fairly content about this, though we would of course be happier if P.P. were self supporting.

Why, I here you cry, am I boring you with all this?

The reason is simple, we have hit a financial crisis. Our duplicator which is not in the first flush of youth needs a service and this is going to cost about £26.00. Now if you want to see Poision Pen continue, it's up to you to donate. If you don't we will be off the streets certainly for a couple of months, perhaps permanently!

Treasure the copy you are now reading.....it may be the last.....

The Vicar.

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HASTINGS MOST AXIOMATIC ORGAN HITS THE STREETS AGAIN - HOT FROM THE PRESSES - IT'S: **POISON PEN**

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WELCOME ALL THE

LUNATECHS =

This Friday it will be ten years to the day since man landed on the moon. It could be said that this was a great achievement and I would not disagree. I would point out however that this feat was achieved by a nation which in a world where 3/4 of the population live on the brink of starvation, was prepared to spend not only millions of dollars to send three men to the moon but was also to spend countless billions more on building instruments of death. A nation which at the same time it was going to the moon (an act which they claimed to be the height of Western Civilisation) was dropping napalm on hospitals and schools in Viet-Nam and openly and brutally oppressing the black minority that lives within its borders.

The American nation is based on an act of genocide against the Indians which it has celebrated ever since in the crude lying propaganda of the "Western". The point I am making is that humanity's great Technological advance has not been matched by a similar advance in social organisation and how we treat each other. In a world where everything is owned by a small minority and the majority of people have to be kept in their place by social conditioning if possible, and by brute force if necessary, it is obvious that each new technological advance will be used against the interests of the common people.

Take Nuclear Technology for example. War is never in the interests of the people, it is only in the interests of the state (which uses patriotism and war mongering as a spectacle to divert people's attention away from the real cause of their problems), the arms-manufactures and capitalism in general. The tens of thousands incinerated at Hiroshima and Nagasaki testify to this fact. These terrible weapons still hang like a sword over the people of the world, held in the hands of our rulers. The "peaceful" use of nuclear energy is NOT safe (yet another leak at Windscale two days ago), nor will it ever be.

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ONCE I WAS AN OPRESSED MINORITY GROUP,
BUT THEN I DISCOVERED ...

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ANIMALS AND OTHER PEOPLE

RAT HITS FRONT PAGE SHOCK HORROR. SPECIAL RODENT ISSUE...GASP...

Somehow the name Babraham seems to possess a similar sinister ring to it as the name Belsen or Auschwitz. Babraham stands on the outskirts of Cambridge just off the main A130 from Chelmsford. It is here that the Babraham Animal Research Centre lies. Within the grounds of this top secret establishment animals are tortured, mutilated and killed in the name of science. The centre is financed and run by the Agricultural Research Council, a division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Mr Ralph Riley, secretary of the A.R.C., recently told newspapers that it would be 'inappropriate' that they should have access to the centre. The centre's charge d'affaires, Dr Barry Cross, told one newspaper that their readers were 'ignorant'. This is the same man that authorised and perhaps performed the grafting of a cow's udders onto its neck. He insists that this and other equally horrifying experiments are aimed at making animals 'more efficient' and 'cutting down wastage on the farm'. Well, Dr Cross, I must point out that there are a hell of a lot of us who feel that your establishment is the product of a perverted science and a rampant technology, and that we would be 'cutting down wastage' of our taxes if it were closed. Also there are many of us who think you would be 'far more efficient' if your head was cut off.

Sir V.A.Lance

Whilst walking the streets of Ore last Friday in the hope of being raped by a gang of schoolgirls wearing gymslips and navy blue knickers, I had the misfortune to see a small ginger cat, hardly more than a kitten, run into the road and under the wheels of a car. I can't, in all honesty, blame the driver - he wasn't going at breakneck speed or anything, but his attitude towards this unfortunate creature / continued over

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COMING SOON TO THIS DISASTER AREA:
SKYLAB CRASHING ON YOUR HEADS ON
WEDNESDAY 11TH JULY, BUT NOW:-

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AUNTIE meets BIG BROTHER

Last April, the B.B.C. began a new series titled 'Law and Order'. "After the first programme, by cfime author G.F.Newman, was shown, the head of Scotland Yard's information departmenet, deputy assistant commisioner Peter Neivens, demanded that the B.B.C. enter into a contract which would oblige them to not only 'clear' any film concerning the police with senior officers, but also said senior officers the right to veto any 'sensitive' material . This means of course, that if the police objected to anything, the film would not be broadcast. Unions working within the B.B.C. have insisted the the corporation reisist all police pressure to allow such censorship, and have threatened industrial action. However, the B.B.C. have already agreed not to repeat the series or sell it to anyone else, even though at least five prospective buyers have tendered. The Writer's Guild are considering legal action for loss of royalties, due to this decision. I hope that both the Guild and the Unions can rely on our support.

Rat.....

Pubic O'Pinion says: If our policemen are so truly wonderful, then what is it that they're afraid of. I must confess, I didn't see any of the programmes in this series, but even so, if the police are allowed to edit out anything that they don't like, why not allow the oil companies to censor programmes about pollution, or hunters - wildlife programmes????????? By all means allow them to reply, but never the right of censorship. If the B.B.C. had filmed the murder of Blair Peach, for instance, it would have been highly unlikely to have got past the police censors.

If the unions are forced to strike, they will be called all manner of dirty names by those who can't do without their weekly dose of the Waltons or Watch With Mother. PLEASE, Don't Listen, give the unions all the support you can muster, or you may find the police refusing to allow Benny to be innocent.

WHITE FROGS ON DOPE NEVER READ...

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HASTINGS ONLY WEEKLY WOMBAT-WRAPPER

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BEFORE THE REVOLUTION; THE VOICE OF.

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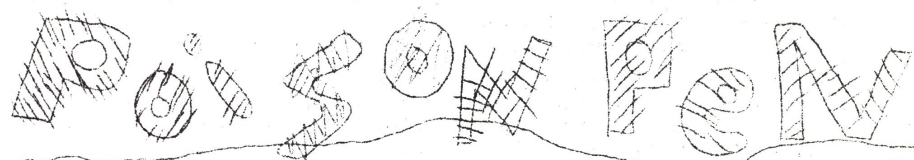
ANGER AND FRUSTRATION IN THE SOUTH EAST. SPECIAL INDIGNANT ISSUE...SOCIAL FOLLY, ADMINISTRATIVE COCK-UPS, ENTIRE COUNTRY CAUGHT UP IN ONGOING LACK OF COMMONSENSE SITUATION. DARE YOU READ ON? IS PETER THE HALIBUT REALLY A TRANSVESTITE TAXIDERMIST FROM TRANSSEXUAL TRANSILVANIA, AND DOES IT MATTER? NOW READ ON...

Driving to work on Wednesday last I gave a lift to a lad of about 11 on his way to school. It transpired that thumbing a lift, dangerous though it is at his age (know what I mean, nod nod wink wink) was the lesser of several evils. Living less than three miles from school meant he was not entitled to paid fares even though the bus passes his house almost empty. As if this is not sick enough, when I suggested that he cycle he pointed out that on his first attempt he was almost run over on the fast straight road to Winchelsea. So next day when riding on the pavement the police shouted at him from their (paid for) car! This situation means that the boy's parents, unable to afford the £3 bus fares and not allowed by law to keep him at home are in an impossible position. What kind of outlook on life can a young person in a society like this be expected to have?

In experiments on cats and rats with electric shocks it was found that the victims used impressively inventive methods to avoid jumping onto electrified platforms and always eventually found an alternative situation. But when the alternative situation was removed, the animals became frightened, confused and, in the end, virious or (worse) defeated. It doesn't take much imagination to see the parallel between the experiment animals and the schoolboy. / continued overleaf...

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/ THIS IS THE WEEK The Artist Bugged OFF TO
Stonehenge So you'll have to Put up with
a VERY Badly drawn...



STICK A DEAD SEAGULL IN
YOUR TANK AND DRIVE TO
DISASTER.

At approximately 8.50., on the morning of 18th March 1967, a super-tanker with a deadweight of over 118,000 tons struck the Pollard Rock off the 7Stones Reef, between Lands End and the Scilly Isles. The resultant pollution was a disaster, not just for holiday-makers, but for all marine life in a radius of some hundreds of miles. The Torrey Canyon cost the British taxpayer millions of pounds, and eventually had to be literally bombed out of existence.

The first British super-tanker or VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) the British Admiral (111,274 tons dwt) entered service in 1965, and was developed at a time of immense change in the transport of oil, largely due to a dramatic increase in the demand for oil-related products and various other economic factors. Since 1965, many of these potential Torrey Canyons have appeared all over the globe, today, the specialized carrier of oil in bulk accounts for 1/3 of the world's total shipping tonnage. Many VLCCs have been involved in accidents, some have joined Torrey Canyon in Davy Jones' Locker, including the world's largest shipwreck, the Olympic Bravery, (275,000 tons, dwt.) which sank after a collision off N.W. France, on 24th January 1976. The result of these accidents is always the same. Pollution on a scale undreamt of 20 years ago.

Equally worrying is the practise of cleaning the tanks when the ship is sailing in ballast or with a "dry" cargo. This involves pumping any oil remaining in the tanks into the sea, this is technically illegal, but if certain chemicals are mixed with the oil, it sinks immediately, this makes offenders very difficult to catch, it also means absolute hell under the surface.

All life on this planet depends to a large extent on oxygen generated by microscopic marine organisms, the very same amoeba that suffer most from pollution. Our grand-parents, and even our own parents, never expected to find the beach littered with tar, this is something we tend to take for granted today. Over the last 25 years, pollution has gone from a few cases of tar on the beach, to a situation today where; Oil slicks turn whole coastlines black; Fish and seabirds lie dead in their

WELCOME BACK 1967 - LOVE 'N PEACE 'N



SPECIAL PERENNIAL ISSUE

VOL. 4 NO. 7 (ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME DOUBT ABOUT THIS -
COLLECTORS TAKE NOTE)

TOTALLY THINGED BY HASTINGS ANARCHIST GROUP and

ENTIRELY FREE although we really
wouldn't mind if you gave us money - NOW READ ON

DANGER AT DUNGENESS.

Since our article in last week's PP in which an anonymous caller warned of the true extent of the danger of leakage at the Dungeness nuclear power station, we have received confirmation from another source of much of what was said. We are also told that the only means of disposing nuclear waste from Dungeness is to give the less radioactive material to a haulage company who then 'drive up and down the country looking for somewhere they can bury it without anyone noticing.' This leaves the more dangerous waste to be stored at Dungeness.

Meanwhile, back at Windscale, the cracks in the storage tanks which have been leaking radiocativity into the soil for some years continue to worsen and there is still no way of stopping them up. It is not feasible to do it by radio control and it would be 'suicide' for anyone to enter the area, even in protective clothing. I doubt that public concern will be diminished by the idiot who spoke on radio yesterday saying that the Windscale leaks provided 'no danger'. Perhaps radioactivity isn't harmful after all? I for one have no wish to find out by exposure to it at the hands of the apparently callous morons in charge of our nuclear programme.

A supputer of nuclear power who was interviewed by the BBC the other day was asked why so little research was being done on alternative enrgy sources, which he agreed were viable. His reply was that the Government couldn't afford it because it was spending so much money on the nuclear programme! With the numerous inherent dangers and unsolved problems of nuclear energy, I wonder if we can afford it in terms of the danger to our health and to the environment? / continued over page...

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I'VE GOT THE BLUES - FOR FIVE SODDIN' YEARS !!!
WHICH ONE OF YOU BUGGERS VOTED? OWN UP!
Ah, well, enough of this post-election manic depression -
IT'S TIME FOR YOUR WEEKLY DOSE OF

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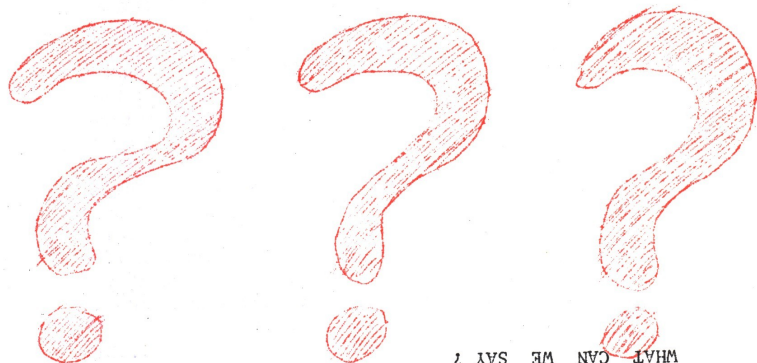


WHEN IS A
BANANA NOT A
POLITICIAN? (Answer Pg. 96)

WHAT IS IT...? A BIRD, A 'PLANE, THE AMPUTATED LIMB OF A WAR HERO...NO, IT'S...

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DID YOU HELP ELECT THIS PERSON? DO YOU EXPECT HER TO HONOUR YOUR CONFIDENCE?



WHAT CAN WE SAY?

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POISON PEN

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DON'T VOTE



So here we go once again with the Great Election con-trick.

Once every 4 or 5 years our leaders go through this charade in order to try and persuade us that we live in a democratic society.

What sort of choice is it to be offered either Callaghan or Thatcher?

Why should we have to choose between the economic and social policies of the Tories which will lead to man unemployment and increased police repression (Law and Order) and the Labour Party "Vision" of a state controlled by an amalgam of the C.B.I., T.V.C., and Government in which you and I will have no say whatsoever?

Anarchists say that real democracy means people having direct control over


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Two sinister things emerge out of the great Operation Lager Bust : a) If this is to be the biggest thing since Operation Julie and possibly the most expensive and lengthy trial in British legal history, why has there been no report of it in any of the national dailies? This is particularly suspicious in view of the fact that reporting restrictions have been lifted. b) Over a hundred people have so far been arrested (106 at the last count). Your raving reporter has known some of these people for up to nine years. They are not really anybody's idea of an international criminal network. They are regular, ordinary, lovable types, who often drop into the pub for a drink without any ulterior motive. This feat will doubtless pass unnoticed when they come before the courts charged with all sorts of enormous conspiracies. Those of the defendants with whom we have spoken are not four-headed monsters with fangs and green eyes. DON'T BELIEVE IT (if and when the papers ever decide to cover the story).

Having spoken with some of the people involved and read some of the documents in the case, it is clear that there were some pretty heavy dudes involved. About four or five guys seem to have spent much of their time ripping each other off and then getting heavy about it. In short, the kind of thing which caused me to 'drop out' of the drugs scene about eight years ago. These guys are also the ones who are revealing names so fast that the police secretaries can hardly keep up the pace. In particular one Howard Costa,

late of this Borough, has been naming almost everyone he's spoken to in the last five years or so, many of whom seem to have had very little, if any, connection with the case.

Our latest report indicates that three people are being brought back from Holland to face charges. (The speed was apparently coming from Amsterdam).

There must be millions of people out there who have taken drugs illegally during the past six years. I expect most of you have probably / cont. over page

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WHERE IS TOTAL ALLY
SOCIAL ALLY

THINKS.

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I was sitting at home the other day, when I suddenly realised that, even after a year of membership of Hastings Anarchist Group, indeed, after being a co-founder of that esteemed organisation, I has still not succeeded in taking over the world - my melalomania was being stifled by the inadequacies of the SYSTEM... I has been blind (possibly through playing with myself in the dark). No matter, the time has come - I shall rule, O.K.? I began to ponder how I might set about acheiving this admirable end.

I decided that there were two ways in which I could get to rule the world. I could get everybody to love me by being a truly wonderful person - I dismissed this as being too slow and anyway not butch enough, or I could get hold of lots of guns, bombs, tanks, and things and things and scare the shit out of everybody. This seemed like a much better idea, but first I would need lots of people who knew how to use all the modern devices for killing people efficiently - like the Army. Then I would need hundreds of men in uniforms, trained to control the masses and keep dissidents in line - like the Police. I would also need the control of the media. I then realised - I was the Government....

POPULATION/COPULATION SHOCK HORROR REPORT

A news-flash concerning research carried out since the end of the second (or was it the third?) World War, by a team of plucky British scientists, working day and night, has revealed the primary cause of the staggering rise in world population over the last forty years. In their mammoth 14,000,000,000 page report, the 719 authors first dispose of various secondary causes, such as the electric light bulb, rubber plants, wall-to-wall television, migraines, knee-caps, the bicycle, remakes of Mutiny on the Bounty, etc., before revealing the shock conclusion that the chief factor in the population explosion is COPULATION.

They further reveal how sexual intercourse between men and women of the opposite sex can, in extreme cases, lead to the production of what scientists term, BABIES. These seemingly innocent little creatures grow at an alarming rate until they reach

NAKED VICAR IN PORN SCANDAL
IT'S ALL IN THIS WEEK'S EXCITING

FRONT PAGE!

OF POISON PEN

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AND IT'S A:

GAY FRONT

The decision to dismiss a handyman at a children's camp because he was homosexual was 'fair and justifiable', an industrial tribunal has decided.

The handyman, 44 year old John Saunders, had no record of molesting children and it was agreed that he had never behaved in an improper way in the course of his duties. It was enough that a homosexual could not be allowed to work with children.

When is the stupid myth that all homosexuals are inevitably child molesters going to die the death? Do we assume that the desire to abuse children is part of everybody's make-up? Surely then we must ban all males from contact with female children under the age of consent and how many women teachers at primary schools are indulging their secret fantasies with pre-pubescent infants?

It is believed by most people that since the passing of various laws ending the illegality of homosexual practices by consenting adults that every gay can 'come out' in safety. Absolute crap. What happened to Mr Saunders may be an extreme case of prejudice being enacted, but as with race relation laws leaving black people no better off, so gays and other minority groups are targets for any 'straight' to victimise.

The Vi -r.

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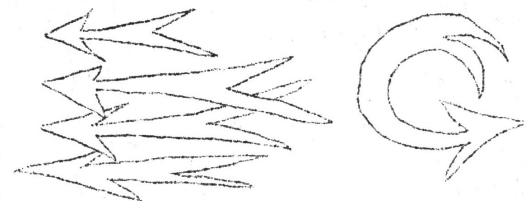
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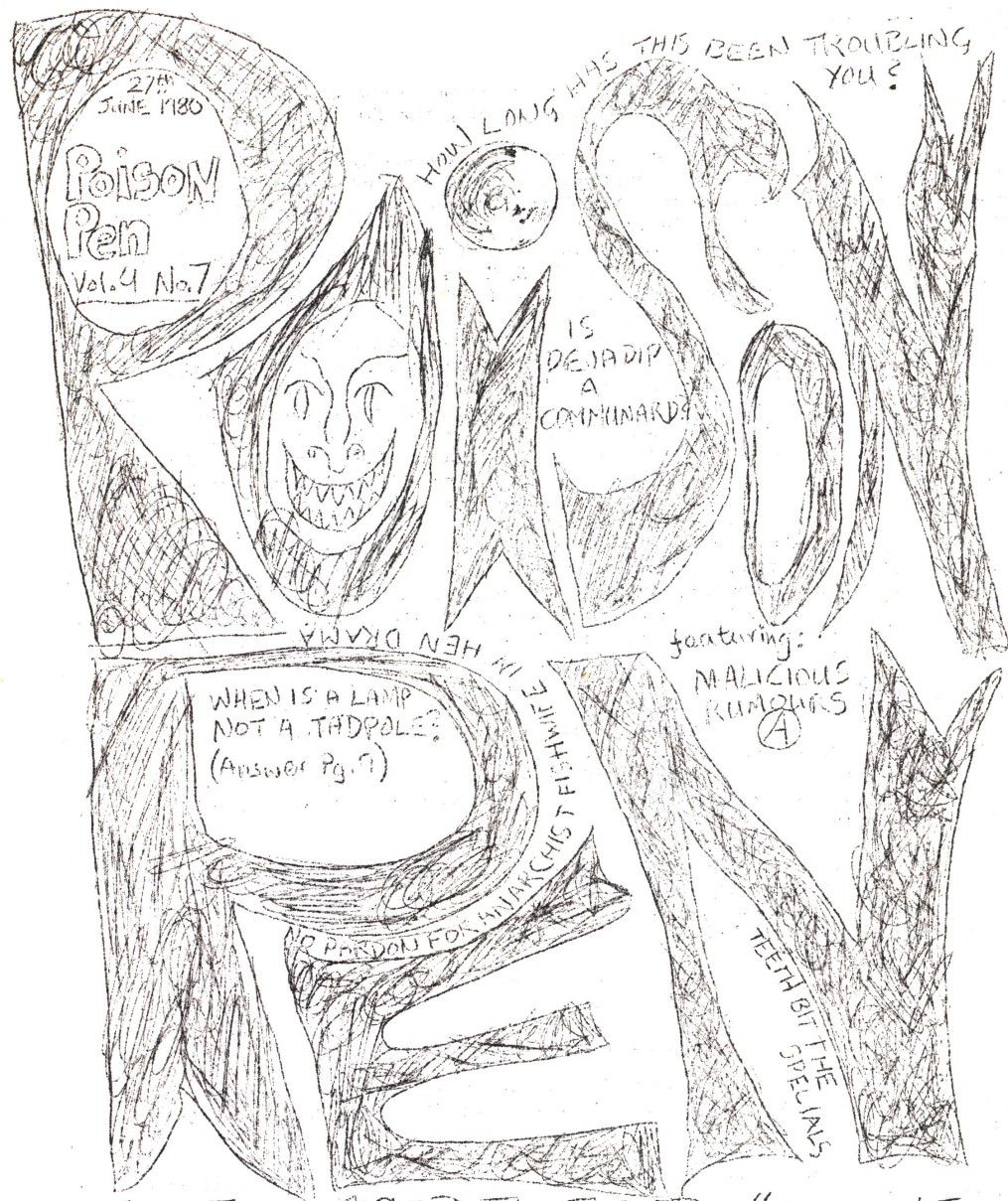
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END OF CIVILISATION AS WE KNOW IT DRAMA AS Hastings Anarchist Group SAVES UNIVERSE

PC Houghton explained: "in the community involvement department we are responsible for all schools in the division - juniors, comprehensives, infants and even nursery schools. The children love the mini police uniforms".

The 7-12 year olds love being organised. They like discipline; later they don't. The fifth and sixth form like to organise themselves. We organised a trip to the Crown Court and some of them went back in their own time.

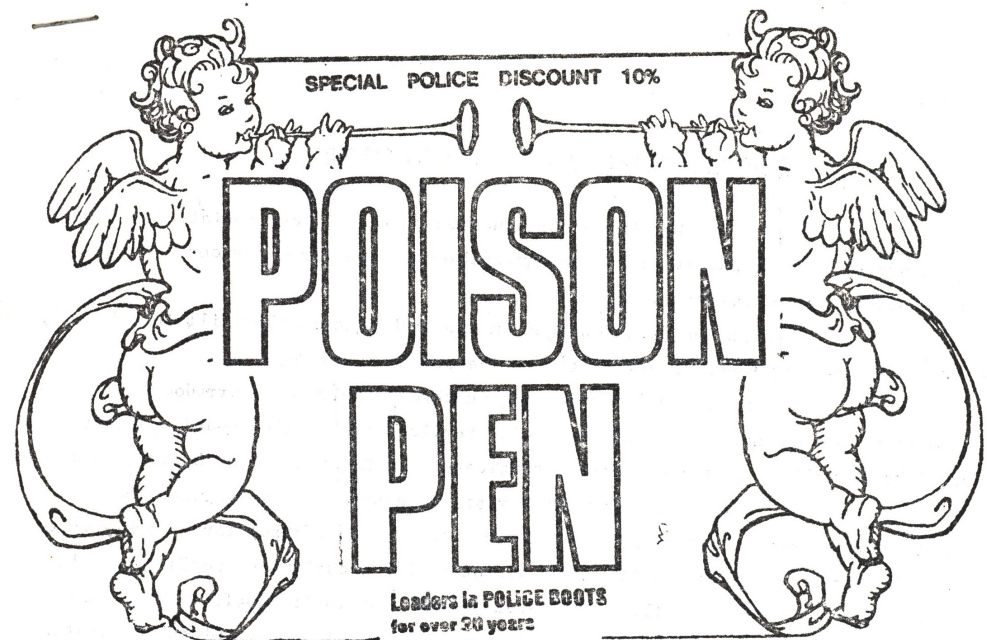


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CREPT UP ON IN THE DARK BY HASTINGS ANARCHIST GROUP

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AS REGULAR BREEDERS WILL KNOW, there is now a Rights Centre offering free advice, information and general assistance up on the West Hill in Whitefriars Road. You might also have noticed the nice little write-up for the Centre in last week's Hastings News (the town's only other free paper). In this article it was pointed out that part of the need for the Centre stemmed from the failure of the local Citizens Advice Bureau to pass on people seeking help to either the Claimants Union or the Association of Single Parents because they considered these two groups to be 'political'. A lady from the C.A.B. told the news that this was definitely not true and that they have never refused to pass on anyone who asked...

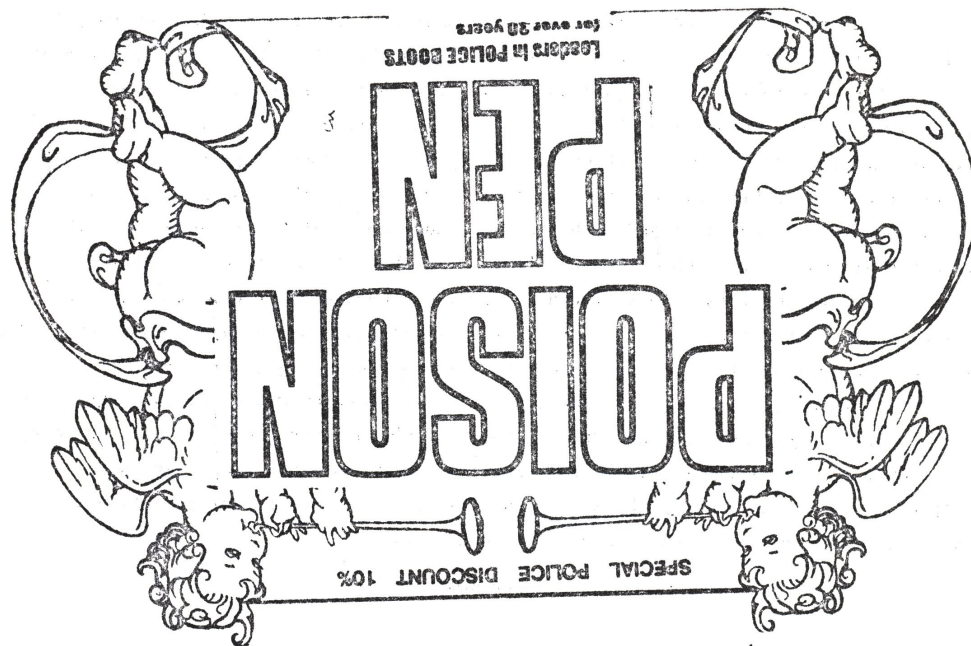
Yesterday (ie. Thursday 17th July), a lady named Mrs.M.T.Blake called at the offices of the Citizens Advice Bureau and asked for the address of the Claimants Union. A man there told her that the C.U. had moved and that they did not have their address. He then rapidly changed the subject. Well well, perhaps they no longer have the copy of Hastings Rights Centre's press release which clearly states that the Claimants Union can be contacted there. Still, perhaps the GPO decided not to deliver it...perhaps... Of course, if they were at all bothered they could have asked someone from the Community Service Council upstairs or referred to the 1980 Community Directory which lists all local voluntary organisations including the C.U. and the Assoc.of Single Parents...

These two groups are run by people who give up their free time to help some of the poorest members of the community. They try to fulfil a need which is not met by any of the larger bodies within the Social Service set-up. If the C.A.B. see these goals as "political" perhaps they are right, but I bet one or two of them voted in the last election.....'t Drood n't Steve K.

The Tories are busy flying kites to test public reaction about what to do with the embarrassing numbers of unemployed that they are so busy creating. First the good old war horse of 'Bring Back National Service' was put about. This was, as might be expected, greeted with cries of joy from the right-wing press and muted grunts of alarm from the Labour Party. The latest scheme sounds comparatively harmless in that the unemployed should be offered to chance to do social work. It is stated that this should be entirely voluntary, giving them a chance to 'give something back'. Which brings us to the word 'back' - this suggests a return of something having received something. No doubt hundreds of thousands of unemployed people will fall over backwards to express their gratitude to the State for their stunning £2 a day on which they're living. I have heard rumblings amongst the Tory back benches that this as a compulsory scheme would be a great idea too. Of course it is natural for MPs to think that the unemployed sit around on their arses for eight hours a day 5 days a week, and feel that this is some kind of infringement on their right to do so. Hospitals were talked of when suggesting areas into which to channel the energies of the unemployed as the move would make up for the government cuts and gross underspending on the National Health Service. Social work was also suggested following the lay-offs in that area of spending. In effect, the unemployed will be employed to cover the prices of new missiles and polaris submarines for Thatcher's new Cold War threats against the USSR, since the savings of the cuts are being spent in this direction. The unemployed, of course, will receive no more money for their work than they would under normal circumstances on the dole - a huge wage saving. Perhaps the Thatcher can't see that her facile plans are so thinly disguised that a three-year-old can see through them, and the real test is to see just how much her 'scrounger' and jingoistic campaigns will influence the British public. Don't want to sound pessimistic but by what I've seen the outcome could be quite sad.

Vicar + Steve K - .

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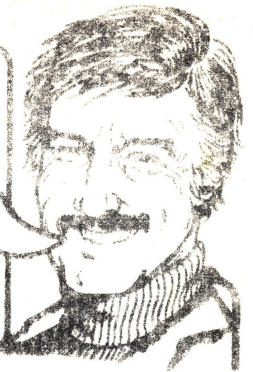


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HOUSING (PS. This is probably the smallest actual headline ever to have appeared on the front page of Poison Pen - collectors take note...)

When Shelter started during the 'sixties it was a militant organisation formed to combat the worst excesses of slum landlords and to fight for the rights of the homeless. In those heady days Shelter helped to set up and support squats and had many a brush with the authorities. Time has most certainly dimmed the fire that burned so brightly in the breasts of its early organisers. Perhaps the crucial difference between then and now is that those who were initially involved with Shelter were the homeless themselves whereas now it seems to have become another 'do-gooders' set-up. Although I am sure that Ian Sier and Dave Bexall mean well, they are vastly removed from the reality of bad housing.

Two of the most basic rights we are entitled to demand are a comfortable place to live and reasonable food. The welfare state sees to it that no one starves, but the right to adequate housing has disappeared along with many other governmental promises. While the actual homeless, although growing in numbers, are still a small minority, those who live in inadequate or unsuitable housing are increasing rapidly. Shelter in its original format was designed to fight back with all the power that concerned individuals could muster, but now they have become just another establishment group afraid of rocking the boat. Some time ago, when H.A.G. suggested that something should be done about Tony Brooks and other local rogue landlords, all that happened was that we received an anonymous article from a Shelter worker. The trouble seems to be that when grants are accepted and respectability becomes important, courage gets thrown out of the window along with yesterday's concern.

Next Tuesday - the 21st - there is a Shelter meeting to discuss the new housing act (see leaflet attached to this issue). It will be interesting to see how many homeless or deprived people will attend; or will it just be the same collection of social workers and their friends who turn up for all such happenings? All of you who are living in over-priced bedsits or are being otherwise ripped off by your landlord, turn up and make your voices heard, otherwise we can't complain when they make decisions behind our backs. If Shelter is to have a role in the 'eighties it must return to its original values, otherwise it might as well pack its bags and creep off into the night.

.....The Vicar

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A FAIR WAGE ?!?

In a town like Hastings where the unions are so feeble, one is bound to come across cases of very low pay. The vast numbers of nursing and rest homes are notorious for the starvation wages they pay: many instances have come to our notice where rates of around £1 per hour are on offer. As unemployment rises a new and more sinister attitude amongst certain employers has come to our notice.

As more and more people become desperate to supplement their meagre pittance from DHSS, so there are those willing to employ them 'off the books'. Fine as far as I'm concerned- were it not for the fact that it becomes an excuse to pay at even lower rates.

When I took up a case for a claimant this week I found that they had been working at the new fish and chippery in Kings Rd. The wages for doing a fairly shitty job were the amazing 75p per hour. Of course all those he employs like this go in his records as 'casual labour'. He therefore stays safe from illegality whilst the claimant may be liable to prosecution if he/she is tempted not to declare what is earned. The Claimants' Union would like to hear about other employers who exploit the disadvantaged, as there is no chance that local Trades Unions will do anything.

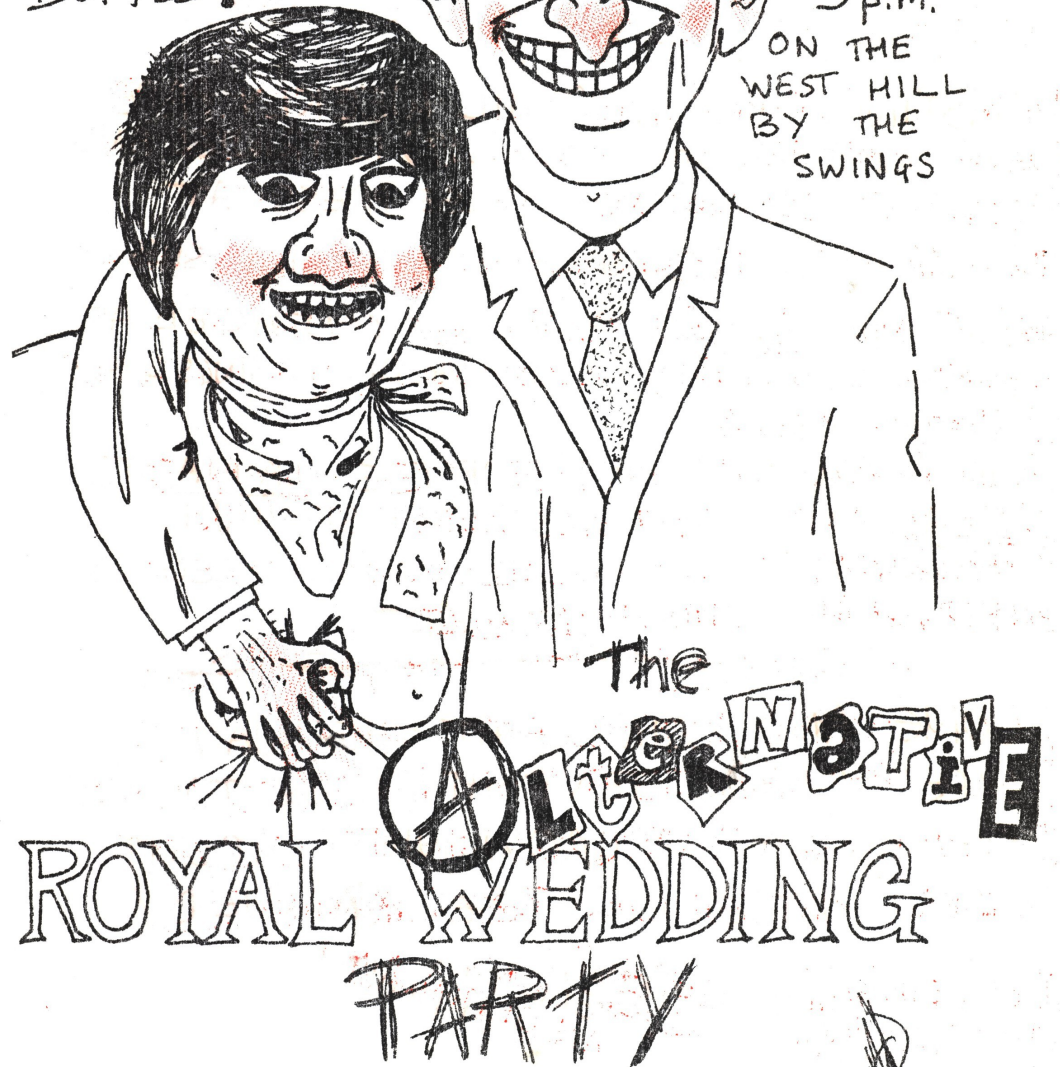
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Michael Bloxham.

29th JULY

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The seeds sown by both this and previous governments are beginning to flower. It is only possible for a short time to oppress any minority before they begin to fight back. Not that I feel that the 'riots' taking place in our cities are coherent or organised attempts to fight their oppressors, but at the moment we have spontaneous outbursts of anger at oppressive policing combined with an urgent desire to supplement meagre incomes with somewhat indiscriminate looting. The important thing is that people will become aware of their power and will realise that the old truism that 'power lies in the hands of the people' can be put into practice.

The authorities will probably try two main approaches to combat the rising tide of fury in the inner cities: the most obvious one will be to try even more oppressive methods, but if this fails they will work even harder on the divide and rule strategy; this will mean that every case where there is violence on the streets will be labelled as 'racial conflict.'

Let us hope that people have the strength and will to co-ordinate their activities so that the next time we hear some Chief Pig going on about 'Anarchy on the streets' it will be that in reality, rather than the somewhat random happenings we are experiencing at the moment. I

Perhaps in the end we may have a perverse reason to thank Thatcher, as she could be the cause of arousing such anger that people might decide to lose faith in our ludicrous system of so-called democracy and seize power for themselves.

The Vicar.

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Jack Cook:
'No comment'



JACK COOK IN "NO COMMENT" SENSATION

WHAT DELIGHTS there were for us all when we received our copy of The News this week. Right there on the front page was a photo of our very own Jack Cook, suave, debonaire and ever ready with the witty banter. "No comment" said our Jack to the News reporter, but what a wealth of subtle innuendo there was in those few words. Who can match this man's sparkling repartee, rightly called the Oscar Wilde of the Labour Party?

I must admit that we Anarchos had a good laugh, not just at Cooky going cap-in-hand to the rest of his Labour friends, but at the general embarrassment this seems to have caused. We often think we live in an unjust world, but just occasionally people get what they deserve, and the bunch of tossers who run what they laughingly call a Labour party here are getting just what they deserve.

We understand that the Observer, who were caught with their pants down when the News did its exclusive bit, are also going to carry the story. There seem to be one or two points the News missed in its reportage, but as Babs is writing the Observer story we can hardly expect very great accuracy from her.

The News quotes the chairman of the local Labour party, Kidman as saying:
"It was felt that a socialist party should not involve itself in any action when it is going to cause undue hardship. We were assured that it was not the case."

This is a complete load of cobblers, because when the libel action was started, everyone knew that the policy was to break Poison Pen. Cook thought he was on to a good thing, what with Keith looking fairly loaded and me being a shop owner. Things started to go wrong when he found out how poor I was, and then to spoil everything Keith left town. Now Kidman says that no-one wished to cause financial hardship to any of us. If that's so, how come they keep sending the bailiffs round to Penny Beale? Kidman and the rest of the Labour party hacks were in it from the beginning and no amount of public moralising is going to disguise the fact that their mean malicious nature is only exceeded by their startling stupidity. That it cost Cook a lot of money serves him right: at least he ends up by doing one decent act - he may save anyone else from being so daft as to sue Poison Pen.

The Vicar

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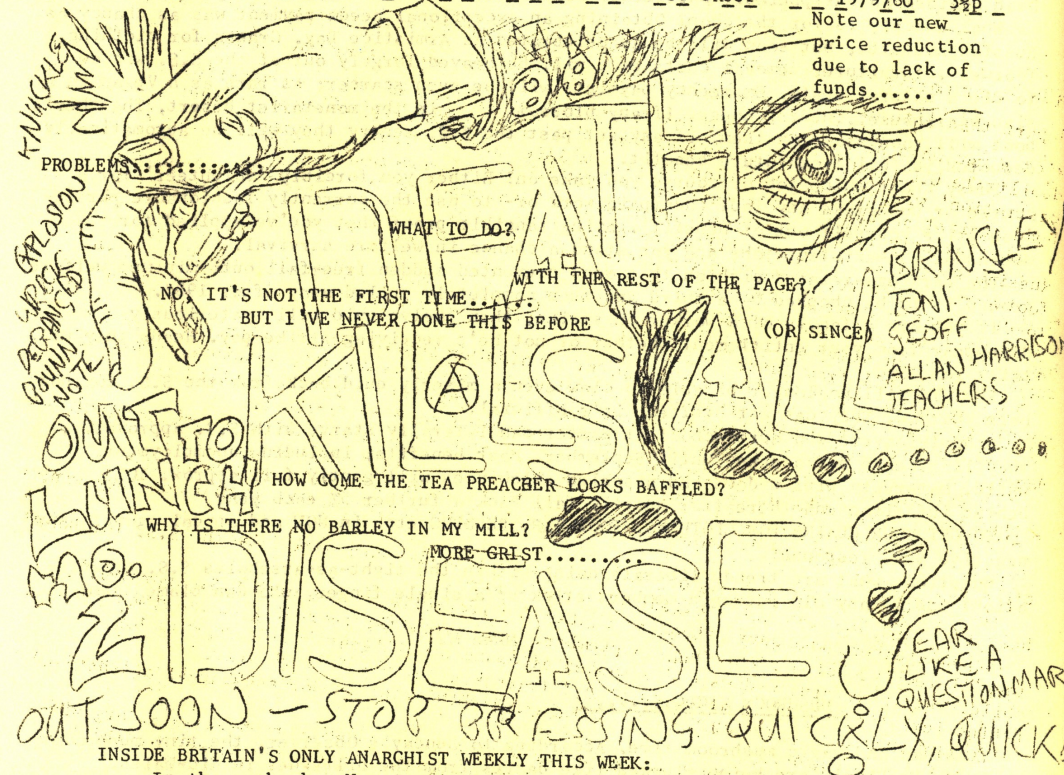
THE Fascist Regime

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REPORT ^{1/2} OF THE LABOUR MEETING

We anarchists sacrifice our drinking time in some boring causes, none more so than last Monday when we went to see the Labour candidates for our local elections. The hopefuls sat on stage like a group of failures in some sort of beauty contest. The chairman did say who they all were, but I missed most of their names.

The first speaker was local (incompetent) solicitor Michael Foster who read a very bad speech very badly. He was followed by Julie Hurrell, whose speech had the sole merit of being shorter. Supposedly the high spot of the evening was when George Cunningham, Labour No.2 to Roy Hattersly, addressed the meeting. Sadly, he was yet another dull speaker whose speech at least appeared spontaneous. However, his main concern seemed to be to show himself in a good light. If he had not repeatedly mentioned what a good socialist he was, he could just as easily have been a Tory.

He was in favour of people owning their own homes, thought law and order jolly good and went on a lot about government and industry holding hands. There was not a whisper about local happenings— just boring verbiage on national issues.

At question time I immediately asked about Jack Cook suing P.P. and generally making a fool of himself. This, it seems, was considered a most unfair question. When Cook was asked if he wished to reply he said nothing but seemed to be making faces at me. Steve then asked about Labour policy on nuclear disarmament and withdrawal from N.A.T.O. Cunningham stated only a fool would want to leave N.A.T.O., gibbered about defence and when Steve pointed out that he was talking cobblers, he was told to shut up as he was only allowed to ask questions, not join in discussions.

One of the potential councillors whose name escapes me— about 50, blue suit, small beard— got very angry and shouted at Steve with vigour. He seemed like a parody of a demented schoolteacher. Even his fellows on the platform looked somewhat embarrassed by his outburst.

After this a few more questions were asked; interestingly almost all were answered by either Foster or Cunningham, the rest of them being thought too dim, I presume, to be allowed much time. Most, however, got a few words in just to show they were animate, but through it all Cook sat silent as the grave. He contributes so little that the only reason he's allowed to join in is perhaps because they all feel sorry for him, or perhaps he's the Labour party mascot and they'll get rid of him when they find a real monkey.

The Vicar.

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FRI. 24TH APRIL 1981

FIGHT BACK WITH THE
CLAIMANTS' UNION!

For the past four years or so the Claimants' Union has been kept going by Mike Matthews and myself. You might think that there's nothing odd about this as the workload in an organisation like the C.U. usually falls on its most committed members. What is odd is that during the time we have been doing this we have both been employed in one way or another. Now that my various business ventures have all foundered and I have become a genuine claimant, I hope to be more active, relieved of the feeling that my actions previously had been somewhat patronising.

It may be of interest to let you know how my own claim was processed, keeping in mind that as an ex-self-employed person my case was somewhat complicated. I have been to Heron House twice and I spent only about an hour there in all. I was at all times treated with courtesy and consideration and when I stated that I was in a dire financial state a payment was made to me only two days after claiming. As I am aware that ~~the~~ treatment that I received is most definitely the exception to the rule, I must assume that I was treated thus because I am known at Heron House as a militant member of the C.U.

The Claimants' Union may lack the sort of power that other unions have, but what we lack in strength we make up for in our numbers. At the moment we lack the concerted effort to bring pressure to bear on this parsimonious government but we can ensure that the civil servants who administer our claims treat us with the dignity and fairness to which we are entitled.

I have always been amazed at the apathy of most claimants and their reluctance to spend the one commodity they have in abundance: time. If some of you would part with an hour or so of your time per week, either supporting other claimants with their claims or with leafletting or whatever, we would soon put a stop to most of the.....
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..... ALL HONOURABLE MEN

This week has seen reports of our councillors being rude and unfriendly to each other because Liberal Peter Dyer accused Tory Dicker of not declaring an interest during development hearings. As the Director of Public Prosecutions did not find enough evidence to prosecute, everyone was outraged that no apologies were forthcoming. As the aforesaid Dicker has achieved some fame for being a man who knows how best to take advantage of being a councillor - one thing is for sure, he's not going to do it out of civic duty - one can't blame Dyer for his reluctance to apologize. The most amusing thing about the whole affair was the rest of the councillors doing their shock-horror outrage bit that anyone could say such nasty things about George Dicker.

As they know even better than the rest of us what a nasty slimy character he is, one must assume that they are tarred with the same brush. Only the Liberals supported Dyer which either means that they were doing it out of party loyalty or perhaps they have a bit more integrity than the rest of their colleagues. One hazards to think what wimps the Labour lot must be to ignore the opportunity of having a go at one of the most disliked and selfseeking of all Tories.

The Vicar

ARE YOU MAD OR SOMETHING? I MEAN -
WHERE DO YOU SET OFF WITH ALL THIS MUCKY DIRT AND STUFF?

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TOWARDS A PEOPLE'S MILITIA WITH THIS WEEK'S WORLD'S FINEST



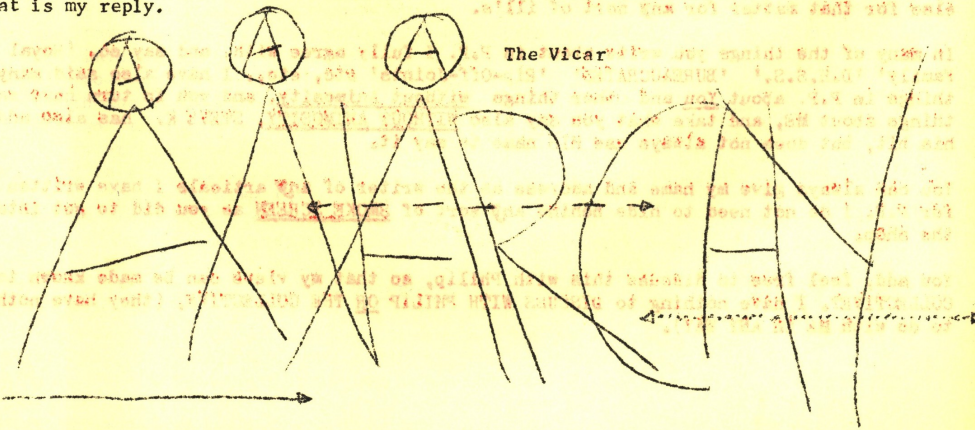
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AND THE LAW

Hastings Rights Centre has been open for about a couple of months now and we were under the illusion that all was going quite well, when, more or less out of the blue, we were told by our landlord that we would have to get out. We had been aware for some time that he was not totally in sympathy with our aims but we thought that our differences were fairly minor. As will be seen from the following letter that he sent me, I was clearly mistaken and I will reply in detail to the points he raises after his statement. On consulting my solicitor, I am told that we have rights that will allow us to stay for some time. It is not in our intention to stay in a position of continual aggro, so we are once again looking for new premises so will all readers keep an eye open for somewhere that would be suitable. The situation is regrettable in many ways, not least because we are now more known about and are being accepted by local people who have helped in various ways. Also we have gone to considerable expense in setting up the place, i.e. installation of a phone etc.

There now follows a facsimile of the letter we received from our landlord and after that is my reply.

The Vicar



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IT LIVES ON IN
THE HEARTS OF
MILLIONS !!? @

Happy birthday to us. Two years ago the first issue of what was originally called H.A.G. News and soon became Poison Pen hit the streets. It would be a gross understatement to say that the quality has been variable: there have been issues of one single sheet and mammoth jobs of over twenty pages. Articles have been just as disparate, varying from the informative 'Nuclear Facts' to the depths reached in recent weeks when we published the gibberish from the 'Friendly Democrat(e)'.

We thought we were moving on to ~~new~~ and ~~greater~~ things when we opened the Rights Centre. Although it is tempting to put all the blame on the old nerd (the landlord) for its failure, most of the blame must rest on our shoulders. Truth is we bit off more than we could chew; our assumption that others would wish to help was somewhat naive, and whining about apathy is also pretty pointless- it certainly shouldn't have come as a surprise!

Whither now? Well, it's certainly revaluation time. A.J. has left town and this leaves us without a typist. Keith goes soon and that will leave us without a typewriter, so with the best will in the world it will make producing P.P. somewhat tricky. We also have debts of approx. £100, and although we have received some startlingly generous offers of help we are still in a lot of trouble. We are not sure when the next issue will be as there are going to be considerable problems as to where we can print the paper. When (if?) it returns, the heady days of large numbers of pages are over. We will stick to just two sheets for a while and see how it goes.

We hope to be promoting gigs again as a fund raising activity and we would be glad to hear from bands who will donate their services. Most of all we desperately need a P.A. and mixer as cheap as possible. Anyone who can help or who has any bright ideas contact either Melita or myself.

The Vicar.

SPECIAL PENULTIMATE EDITION OF (NEXT TO LAST GORMO) POISON PEN

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28/8/80 or
-thereabouts???

TALES OF IMPENDING DOOM

DURING THE LAST FEW WEEKS WE HAVE BEEN REPORTING our continuing battle over the Rights centre. Whether the legal battles over security of tenure are successful or not is becoming irrelevant. We can no longer afford to support the Centre out of our own pockets - the group owes over £100 - and as support for the venture has been conspicuous largely by its absence, we are going to have to call it a day.

One of the most important factors which has led to this decision is that there doesn't seem to be anyone prepared to man the Centre. Most of Hastings Anarchist Group are employed and we don't have the time to keep the shop open. A.J. is giving up the thankless task of trying to do it all on his own and is heading for pastures new.

We would also like to point out that it was never our intention to act out the part of Lady Bountiful - what was intended was that self-help would be the role - not that we would take over on other people's behalf. Promises of active help were often received, but regrettably they rarely manifested into reality.

The final result of this fiasco is that P.P. will probably be off the streets for a few weeks - perhaps for good. We no longer have premises where we can print it, and it is also doubtful that we will be able to afford it. Next week sees the second anniversary of Poison Pen and that seems like as good a time as any to bow out. So, barring any minor miracles, that will be that... ..The VICAR

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ON A LIGHTER NOTE (about 4½ ozs.) we are going to try and make next week's issue as huge and entertaining as we can, so, rustle up your revolutionary fervour and whack out a contribution....it may be your last chance...

AAAAAAAAAAAAARRRRGHHH!

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE HUMOURLESS NERDS:

Dear Eve (Mrs.D.Gemmel to her friend),

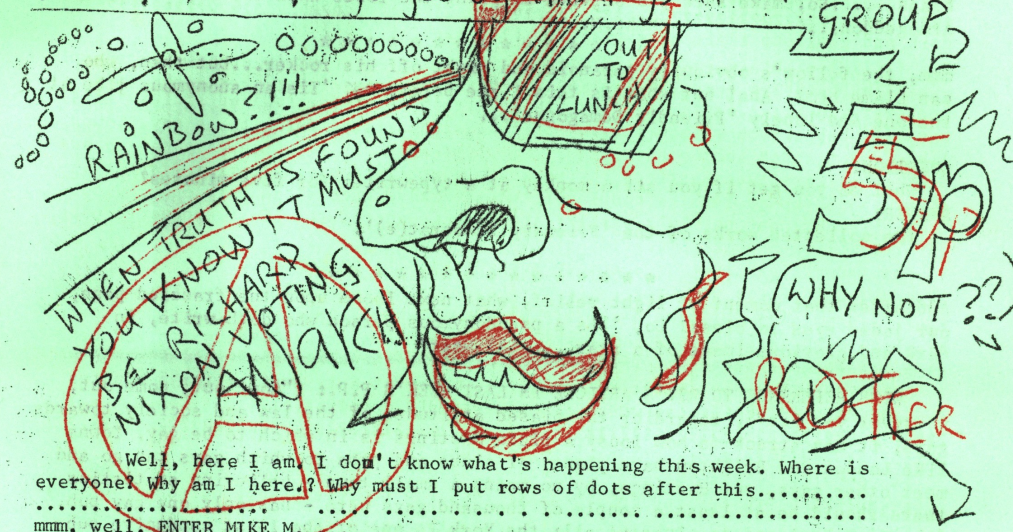
Thanks for the free advert, which was our idea in being rude about you (apart from the fact that we unanimously agree that your page in the Observer is amazingly boring). We would, however, like to point out the odd error or two: for instance, you give the address of Unnormality Records from which to obtain Poison Pen - Unnormality have not in fact stocked P.P. since February of this year, following our silly libel case, brought by EX-assistant mayor Jack Cook. Another point - you claim that we 'rush around selling (P.P.) to each other' - again, not strictly true, as we have always given it away. After all, property is theft, is it not?

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IT MIGHT BE A GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER
 ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT — — —

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Well, here I am. I don't know what's happening this week. Where is everyone? Why am I here? Why must I put rows of dots after this.....
 mmm, well, ENTER MIKE M.

FALLOUT AND THE SOCIAL STRATA

Maggie Thatcher's mob says the little man can survive the coming nuclear holocaust. All he needs is a bucket of emulsion, a polythene bag, and a bathtowel to wrap round his head. Suddenly, radioactive fallout is rendered harmless. Mounbatten wasn't so sure. Before he was blown to pieces by more conventional means he declared: '...in a nuclear war there will be no survivors...all will be obliterated.' Funny that Dafal Ltd., makers of nuclear bunkers, didn't mention this in their marketing campaign or brochure. According to Dafal's managing director the filthy rich can definitely survive for 14 days in an underground bunker and then surface for some 'fresh air' amidst a blighted planet; allowing the parvenu to continue mortgage repayments.

Meanwhile plabs have to trust in a pot of paint.

This is P.P.'s guide to fallout survival: Tenant proles in rented accommodation should remain on permanent standby with a bucket of whitewash. After the four-minute warning, landlords should be consulted before whitewashing windows. Welfare claimants without white paint, on hearing the alarm, should ask Social Security for an urgent needs grant (check with your Claimants Union).

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MICHAEL HAVERS SHITS

INSIDE THIS WEEK'S FAB GEAR ISSUE:

RUDE THINGS TO SAY ABOUT EVE

WIN A FAB GEAR JEREMY WELLS
T-SHIRT

SOCIALISM: THE FINAL SOLUTION?

GIG NEWS & REVIEWS

A NEW LOT OF BUS SERVICE CUTS

DEAD HIPPIES AND BOUNCING DENTAL
OPERATIVES

OUR RELIGIOUS CORRESPONDENT GETS
BORN AGAIN AND SUFFERS GREAT
PAINS IN THE HEAD, EARS & WALLET.

It is now some time since the "Persons Unknown" trial in which the police made a bungled attempt to frame several anarchists on 'terrorist' charges. The accused were found innocent and released after having served many months on remand.

You would have thought that the establishment would have been so embarrassed at having not only lost the case but also being seen trying to frame innocent people that they would just keep quiet and try to forget the whole thing. Not so: recently Sir Michael Havers, Conservative M.P. and Attorney-General, has made ludicrous allegations of a hit list of famous personalities (including Malcolm Muggeridge and the war-monger Mountbatten) the accused were supposed to have had.

These allegations were made in Parliament and are therefore covered by so-called "Parliamentary privilege", meaning that he can't be sued for libel, however many despicable lies he may tell. The following is reprinted from an article by Albert Meltzer in the current issue of Black Flag (25p from Over the Water, Sanday, Orkney KW 17 2B1), a very fine publication.

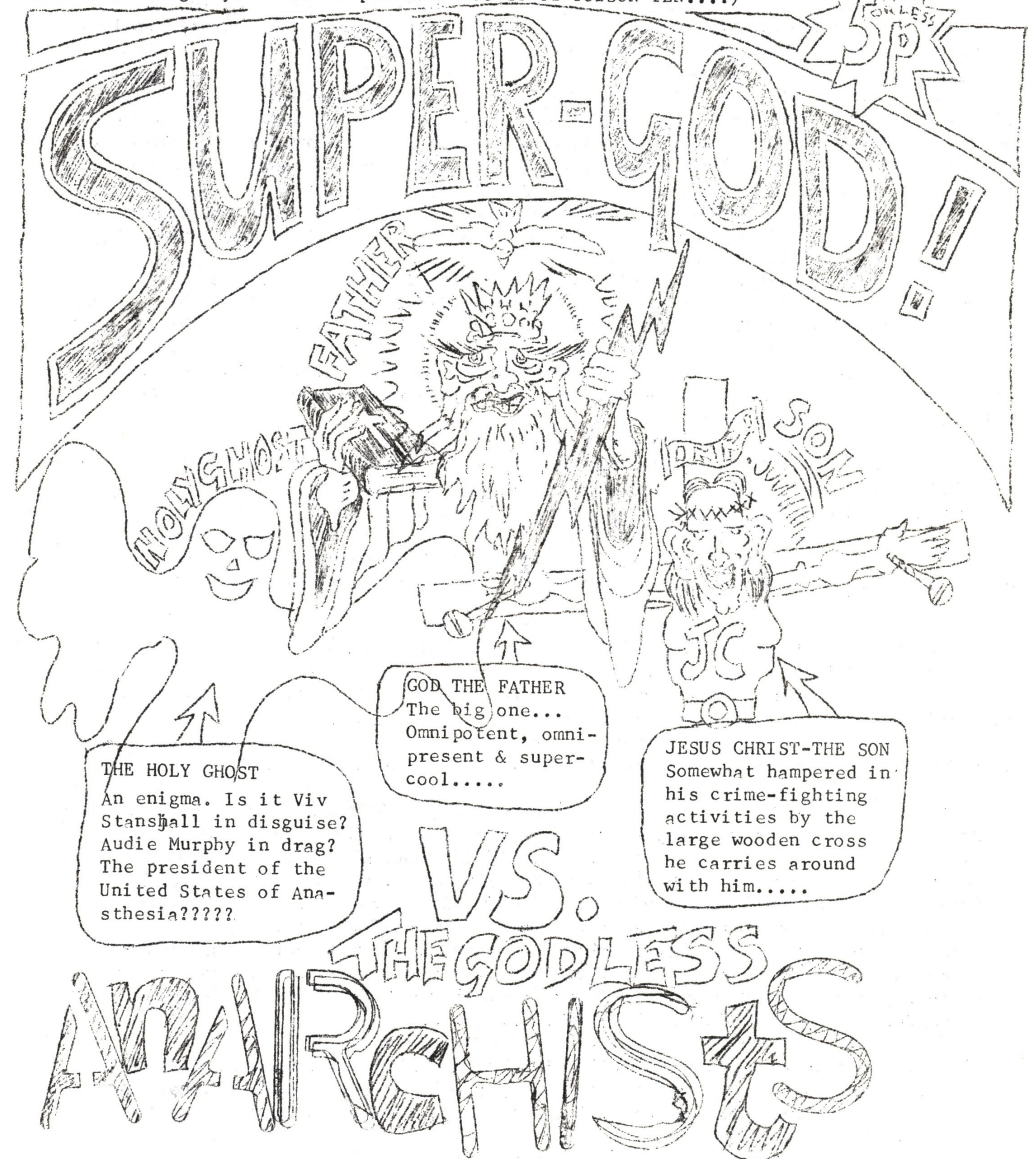
I DENOUNCE MICHAEL HAVERS as a coward and a liar. Let him seek his remedy in the courts. If his legal advisers tell him not to bring an action-"because these people are beneath contempt (legal jargon for "you'll never be able to collect costs out of the buggers") a reprint of this article will reach his colleagues in King's Bench, his neighbours in Wimbledon and Newmarket, his constituents, his colleagues and his clubs, If he does not wish to be branded a coward and a liar he can retract or prove his case.

ALBERT MELTZER

PIP COMIX PROUDLY PRESENT:


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(actually it's another issue of POISON PEN from the HASTINGS ANARCHIST GROUP who brought you lots of previous issues of POISON PEN....)



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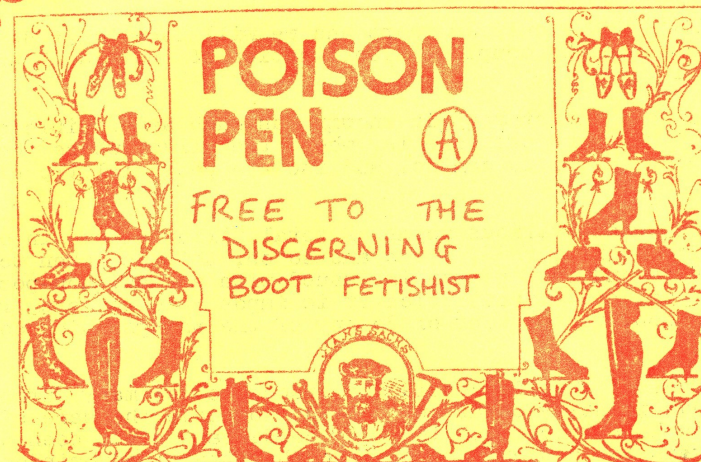
You've heard the Nolans, you've thrilled
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Yes it's the
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Starring Jack Cook on vocals
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with Ray Marchant playing his "expenses"
Len Chambers' "Master of Prejudice"
and Featuring The MAssED CHOIR OF
The Labour Party Cop outs.

REST ASSURED ALL THESE ENTERTAINERS
WILL GIVE NOTHING AT ALL FOR THE

UNEMPLOYED.



HEY - WE FORGOT TO
GO TO THE ANARCHO
PARTY!

BUM! I KNEW
SOMETHING IMPORTANT
WAS HAPPENING ON
THE 29th!



31-7-81

WELL....WE DID IT! The alternative wedding party took place on the West Hill on Wednesday. Between the times we got there, 2.45, until we left at a quarter to six or so, some 70 assorted anarchos, friends and others equally fed up with the crappy day came and supped an alcoholic beverage or two in celebration. We were really pleased with the turnout, as we'd only anticipated around 20 coming. Still, the weather was fine, we all kept well clear of the telly and had quite a lot of fun in various states of inebriation. The 1977 Jubilee balloons came in useful too! When's the next one?

Woof!
Woof!



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MANY PEOPLE ASK US:
'WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE READ P.P.?'
HERE WE HAVE A SELECTION OF OUR
REGULAR READERS —



RELIGIOUS MEN:

DICK SAUNDERS—

'PLEASE SEND ME LOTS
MORE RUBBISH. MY
ADDRESS IS: THE WAY
TO LIFE, FREEPOST,
HALSHAM, E. SUSSEX
IBR. REMEMBER—
IT COSTS YOU NOTHING
TO SEND ME LOTS OF
LOVELY PARCES AND
LETTERS!'



LABOUR COUNCILLORS:
JACK COOK—
"NO COMMENT"

HASTINGS OBSERVER
REPORTERS:

BARBARA VENESS—

"POISON PEN IS SOMETHING
I CAN REALLY GET MY
TEETH INTO. IT'S VERY
AMUSING AND INTERESTING,
EVEN FOR PEOPLE OF
MY AGE." (Ms VENESS IS 32.)



SO NOW
YOU
KNOW!

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DICK SAUDERS RACIST AND BIGOT

HASTINGS CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM SAYS:

"THIS MAN IS A THREAT TO
EVERYTHING FOR WHICH WE ARE
FIGHTING. WE MUST OPPOSE SUCH
PREJUDICE IN EVERY WAY WE CAN"

SEE PAGES 8 AND 9

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THE SUFFERING GOES ON //

IN DEFENCE OF Y.O.P.:- A YOUNGSTER
SPEAKS OUT //

CHRISTIANS AND THE BOMB // AND MORE!

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RAY MARCHANT GETS THE BOOT

ANARCHISTS TRIUMPH AGAIN

There were sensational scenes at this week's Labour Party meeting when Ray Marchant, self-confessed member of the extremist Cookite faction, was told that despite the fact he was sitting candidate and had already received nomination for the coming elections, he would not be allowed to stand as Labour candidate in Hollington. "Sorry Ray," he was told, "but you've become a bit of a liability."

Despite the best efforts of P.P. reporters we have been unable to get a comment from Councillor Marchant but we are led to believe that he was less than happy about the decision. Rumours of his making overtures to the SDP are as yet unconfirmed, and we cannot verify the statement purported to come from SDP HQ which is alleged to have stated "Come off it sunshine-- we're not that desperate!"

There can be no doubt that the news will have caused considerable consternation at the Cookite faction's meeting. It has been supposed that Ray was marked down for the deputy leadership post, and, as the leader himself must be fast approaching retirement age, perhaps for the top job itself.

A spokes person for Hastings Action Party expressed little surprise and stated: "It is a pity. Marchant would have been a pushover, but as soon as they saw who our candidate was, I guess they just panicked."

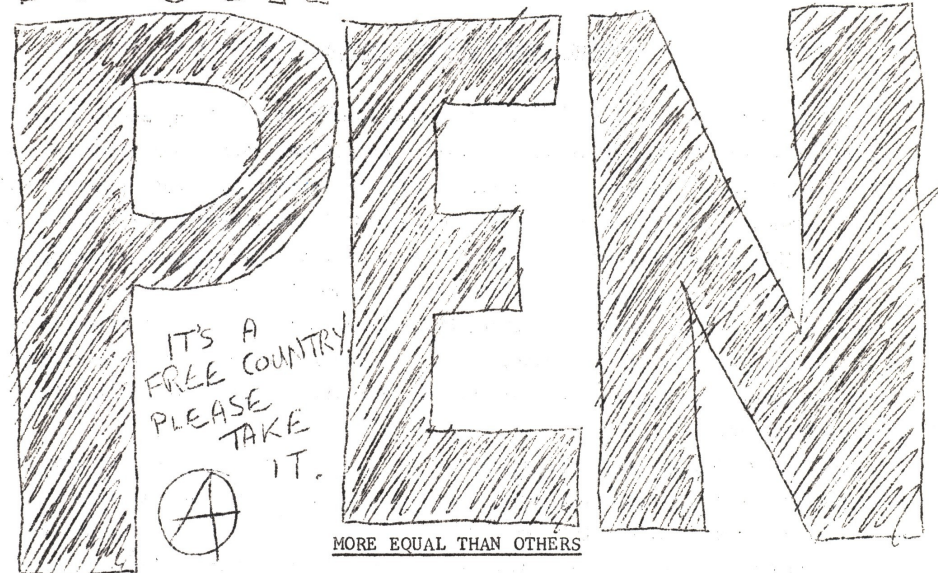
Hastings Action Party, who are firmly expected to have a majority on the council after the May elections, seem to be the only group treating the whole affair calmly, but then, as favourites they can afford to be sanguine.

The Vicar.

THIS WEEK IN YOUR LOVABLE POISON PEN::::: THE P.P. GUIDE TO YOUR RIGHTS /// ALL IS REVEALED ABOUT E.M.I. /// DICK SAUNDERS RIDES AGAIN /// EXPANDS INTERVIEW and all the usual typing errors you've come to expect from BRITAIN'S ONLY ANARCHO WEEKLY:::::

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Most people, although less than happy about the result of the elections in Rhodesia, seem prepared to accept that Mugabe was the 'peoples choice'. Conservatives have fought with their natural inclinations and being prepared to make the best of a bad job, have taken credit for the fact that elections were held at all. This attitude has upset some of the diehards though. The following quote comes from Monday's Daily Telegraph and is by Anthony Lejeune.

"Since when did conservatives regard 'one man one vote' as the touchstone of morality? How could conservatives think it right to bully, threaten and cajole brave and civilised white communities (that were acting, by then, in conjunction with pro-Western blacks) into letting the Marxists in? The Lancaster House agreements may have been adroit as a way of getting Britain off the hook, but they were nothing for the Conservative government to boast about."

At last they've come right out and said it - some peoples votes are worth more than others - surprise, surprise. It may not be long before this attitude applies here, after all, most blacks are inclined to vote Labour.

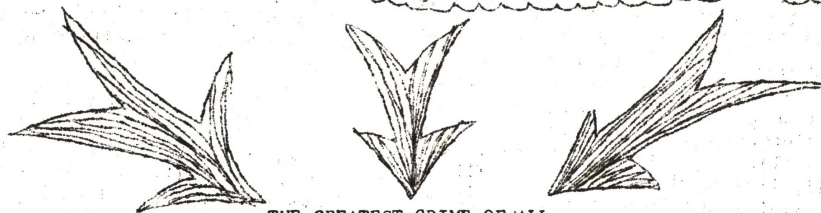
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* MORE DETALIS CONTACT HASTINGS 431154. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR WAY UP SEPARATELY
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* (COACHES ARE AVAILABLE) IT STARTS AT 2.30 AT TRAFALGAR SQUARE.
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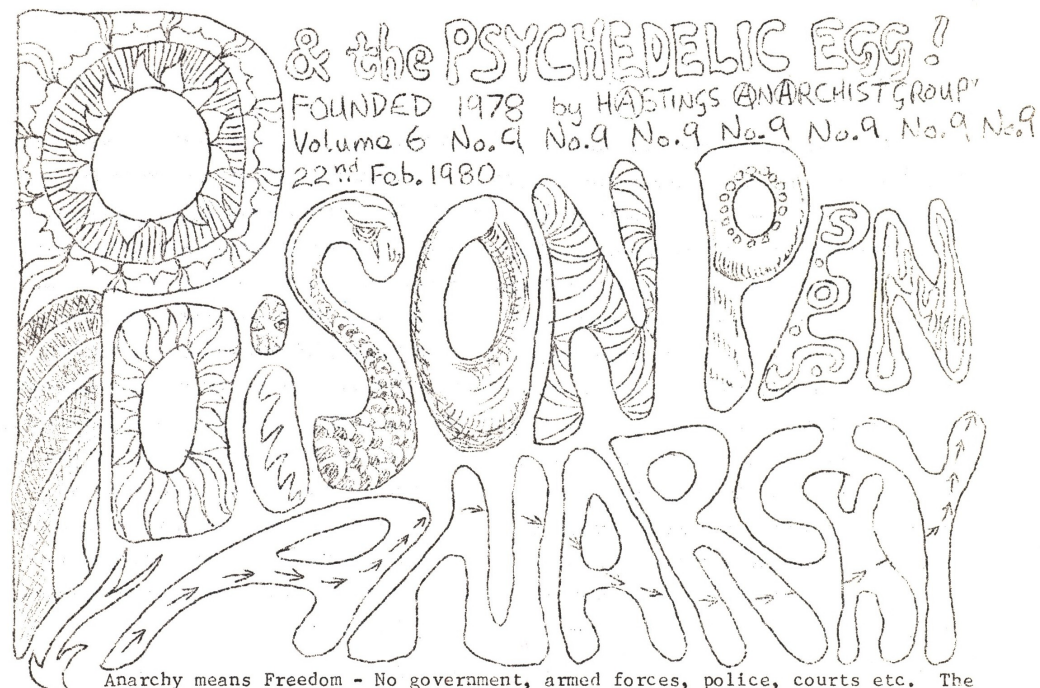


THE GREATEST CRIME OF ALL

Income Tax fiddlers can expect no more than a fine from basically sympathetic courts. The actual killing of another human being can, under some circumstances be forgiven. Rapists have left court with no more than a suspended sentence. All these and many other crimes, can, in a tolerant society, be forgiven, but there is one offence so heinous, so horrible, that jailing the offender is the only solution. What can it be, you may ask, that is worse than murder, rape, in fact the ultimate crime that can be committed? According to Lord Justice Lawton there can only be one reply - defrauding Social Security. Let me quote the arrogant Lord "The time has come when we should say firmly that those who deliberately defraud Social Security should expect to go to prison, albeit that it is their first offence. There is no other way of dealing with this offence."

So the inevitable attacks on the poorest and weakest members of society, by the wealthiest and most privileged, continues. If the attempt, by any individual, to get more than the meagre pittance doled out by a repressive state, can be considered a crime, then it should be the most forgivable of all. One crime that I do find unforgivable is the abuse of power indulged by the likes of Lawton. Perhaps, one day we may sit in judgement on the likes of him

The Vicar



Anarchy means Freedom - No government, armed forces, police, courts etc. The anarchist society will be one in which all people are free and equal, unrestricted by man-made laws, there will be creativity, love and peace will be all around. But as long as the economic conditions are not changed, a humane and free life is not possible. At a suitable opportunity, try and anarchize your work place - workmates, foremen, management. Try and make them see that they are being exploited to various degrees by their bosses. Tell them of the anarchist alternatives. Hopefully they will, in time, 'see the light' and support the anarchist cause. Then you could organize 'go slows' and 'work to rule' etc. The bosses wouldn't be very pleased about loss of profits if the action went on long enough. We must fight the capitalist system. We must not be afraid of destroying it, in order that we can bring about the creation of a new society, in which we will be totally free.

It is inevitable that eventually all of us will have to take up arms, especially as the police grow more powerful, and they will probably ALL be carrying arms, as a matter of course, during the next few years. Their methods of 'extracting' information from their guests will probably be even more barbaric than they are now, especially for political prisoners. The interrogators/torturers (Police, Military, S.A.S.), possibly learn their techniques from the C.I.A. and possibly the West Germans. Should they arrest us, we must be prepared for anything. We must be strong and resist.

Solidarity shows itself in deeds, not just words.

Be part of the struggle to be free.

..... Tara

THE FOUR SEASONS... A PASTORAL REFLECTION

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P. ORMOND

Summer comes and in the warm evenings we stroll home enjoying the last glimpses of the setting sun, forgetting winters cold and dark. In such a short time we forget the time spent huddled over a smokey oil stove and accept warmth and comfort as a permanent reality. It seems to be one of man's virtues that we always forget the worst and enjoy our pleasures as if they are the feature of our lives we will never lose. If every year we manage to forget the misery that winter brings, so how easily do we forget the dream of freedom which none of us has ever experienced.

We accept the greedy boss, the arrogant civil servant who gives the Social Security pittance as if it cost them. We forget a government that rules in our name but, without our authority, as if they are determined by the fates themselves. We accept that the only choices open to us are between Thatcher and Callaghan or Carter and Reagan, forgetting that power only resides in those who seek it. Is freedom such an illusion that we have forgotten that we are the ones who wield it? Freedom can only reside in those who have the power to seize it, for it is never given. We are downtrodden and we are exploited and if we do not seek a remedy to this we haven't anyone to blame but ourselves. In the warm summer sun we forget, but following the next 'Winter of Discontent' events may take place that will lead to greater contentment for us all. But let us realize that as the seasons come and go we have no control over them, yet our destiny lies in our own hands, it will not be given.

The following is reprinted from 'Outta Control' from Belfast (5p every two or three weeks) c/o 'Just Books', 7 Winetavern Street, Belfast 1. Send for a sample copy. Thanks to 'Outta Control' for the reprint.

Over the last few months we have been subjected to a propaganda blitz by Western Governments and the media over the Russian invasion of Afghanistan. The cold war jingoism is all so very convenient when the Governments 'up' their military spending, paid for (by us all) at the expense of welfare services. Britain currently spends over £1,000,000 PER HOUR on military purposes!

Behind the media onslaught however, much more has been going on. The British Government has been emphasizing the Russian use of chemical and biological weapons against the Afghani tribes ... they have also used this excuse to justify their increased research and spending on the supposedly outlawed weapons ... chemical and biological sprays and gasses. As it turns out, the Russians HAVE been using chemicals in Afghanistan - CS gas to be precise - and as news of this leaked out, the British Government suddenly shut up! It would hardly do for them to criticize the Russian use of CS gas after what they pumped into the people of Belfast and Derry!

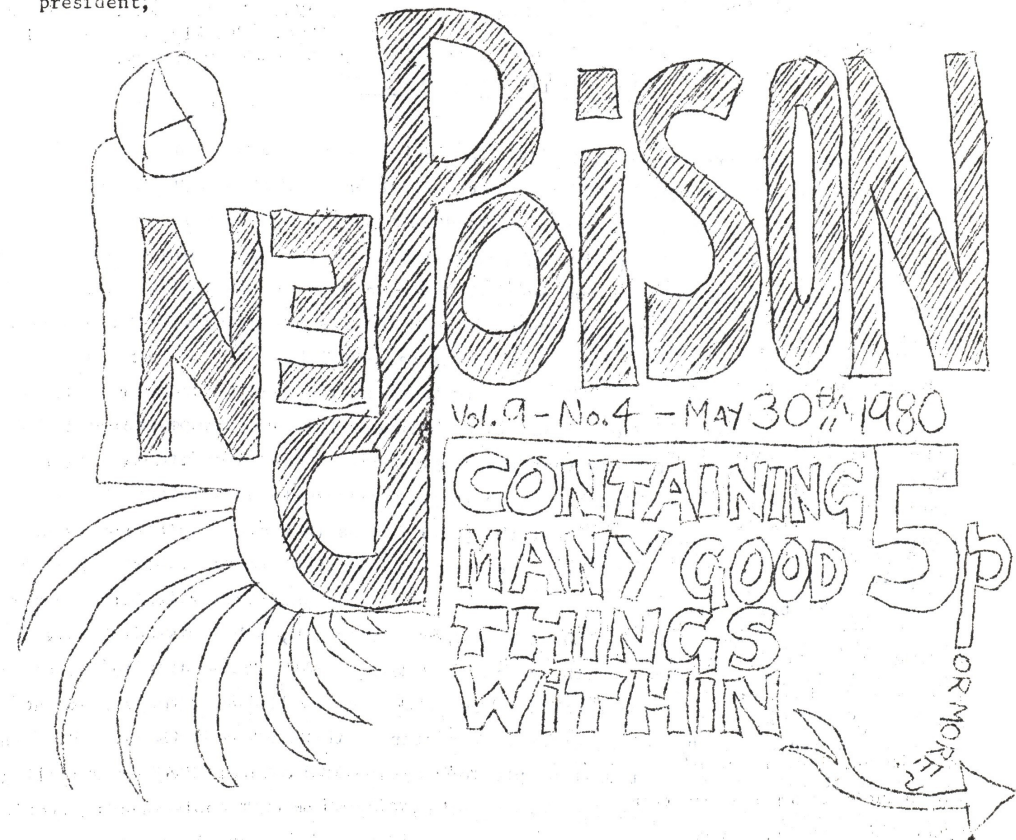
NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT

I see that it is costing £4,000 to get the queen's mum to open the new sports centre, or about £88 per minute. Now I know it is standard practice to get a celebrity to do their thing on occasions like this, but I really don't think we're getting very good value for our money. The Queen Mum is getting a bit old now and I don't understand just what we're paying for. The only other famous person as old as her and still earning bread is Arthur Askey and although he is about eighty years old, not only does he come a lot cheaper, but he sings and tells funny stories. Maybe the old girl has changed her act since I last saw her on telly but I would have thought that she is pricing herself out of the market. For a very small fee H.B.C. could have hired Hastings Anarchist Group who would have been just as adept at the breaking of bottles of champers and saying 'We name this place Useless and God help all who pay in her!'

Vicar

Joke currently going around U.S.ofA.:

'What's black, flat and glows in the dark?' - 'Iran after Regan becomes president.'





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By SMALL MESSY
Little People

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YOU AND THE LAW

Despite advice in this paper and many others, it seems that many of you are confused when you fall foul of the law. Just a few quick points now, we will try and run a longer article in the fulness of time.

1) If you have not been arrested, DON'T fall for the old line of going to the pig-shop 'to help with enquiries'.

2) Whenever possible, have a friend with you - remember, anyone can play the role of being your 'legal adviser', they don't have to be a solicitor. If you are desperate and ring Release for the name of a helpful legal person they will only offer you Funnell who does not come with our recommendation!

3) Do not make a statement until you have had the chance to think things over and get some friendly advice. Remember that if the pigs want you to make a statement, it is for their benefit and not yours. No matter how black things look or how bang to rights they may have you there is nothing to be lost by pausing for thought.

4) NEVER make a statement mentioning anyone else, no matter what shit the pigs may tell you about how it will make it easier for you. Nine times out of ten they are lying and should you be lucky enough to be the one they ease up on, remember (a) you will have to live with yourself if you have grassed on a mate and (b) you may get your head kicked in - people tend not to like getting grassed on!

5) Again and AGAIN we come back to the point: STOP and THINK! You don't have to answer their questions. They have no right to search without a warrant.

Should we be able to get ourselves premises, there will be somewhere where you can get friendly and sensible advice. So PLEASE help us, that we might be able to help you! All we require is a back-street shop so that we can function as an advice centre that can be used by: The Association of Single Parents, The Claimants Union, Hastings Poverty Action Group etc. etc. and anybody else for that matter Vicar!

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MAY 14TH DAY OF ACTION

Many Trade Union Members must be concerned about what is the proper course of action to take with regard to May 14th ('DAY OF ACTION'). They know that if they strike on that day they are taking part in a futile action brought by their leaders to try and prove that they are a force in the political games from which they are being excluded. However the failure of this event will appear a victory for the right wing in general, and the Thatcher in particular. We are caught between the devil and the deep... It seems to me that if you think the whole thing is worth it (including losing a tenner from your wages) then go ahead and enjoy your day off. Either way, sod what bureaucrats in the trade unions want and sod the Thatcher and her dated Nationalistic yearnings. El Vicaro.

NEWSFLASH...NEWSFLASH...

News has just reached the PP editorial office of a dramatic raid by the SAS on Mr Cherry's. It seems that their ultra-sensitive Thatcher-Whitelaw Arab detector had homed in on the strong concentration of foreign gentlemen in that seedy emporium and consequently sped down from their concealment in the Bohemia Road pig shop to 'rescue' those threatened by the Arab menace. Thirty six explosions completely destroyed Marine Court and smashed all the windows in the Vic, but left the SAS ASSailants unharmed. The Government is reported to be 'proud' of this achievement. T.E. Lawrence.

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COLOUR Supplement

15p Sept. '79

OUT
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head of Euronet construction: 'A very complicated project which could bring themselves to drill holes in it! It is the work of Hag, who after graduating from the Street... began

The lighter and brighter very than ever charm some discreet nuclear disaster of H.M. Government hot offers

before.

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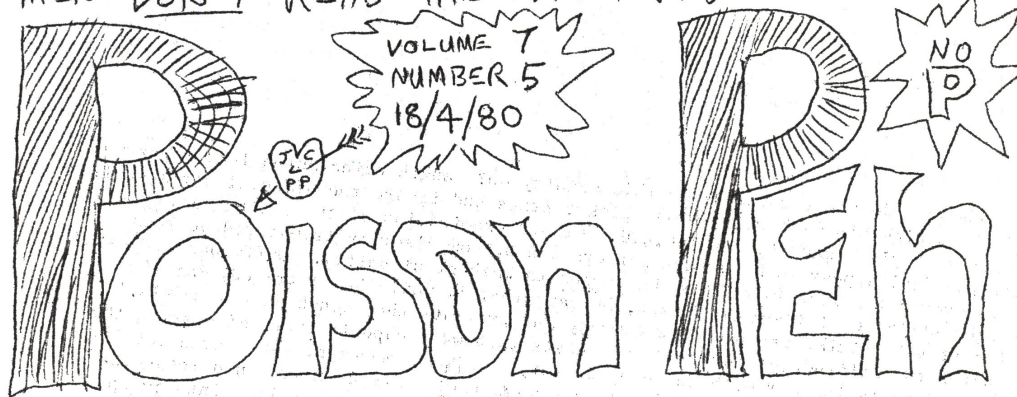
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BORED WITH LIBEL?

THEN DON'T READ THE FRONT PAGE OF THIS WEEK'S



OK, PROVE IT...THE LIBEL CASE CONTINUES...ALSO IN THIS ISSUE, THE RETURN OF THE BALDING ANTIPODEAN...OUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT GIBBERS...HASTINGS ANARCHIST GROUP SEES LIFE OF BRIAN, SIX REPORTED CONVERTED, TWO OTHERS SERIOUSLY ILL...BUT ON WITH THE SHOW...

LIBEL ...LIBEL...LIBEL...LIEBEL...LOOBILL...LOBBLE...SCHROMPEL...HOOPER...

On Tuesday two alleged members of the Hastings Anarchist Group and an alleged ex-Labour Councillor travelled to the High Court in the Strand to sit in chambers with Justice Gibson and put to the court an outline defence in the PP libel case.

Council for the plaintiff, deputy mayor Cllr Jack Cook, gibbered to the judge about 'the tragedy' that would befall Mr Cook if he should become liable to pay his own court costs. The mandatory bit about Cllr Cook being a worthy citizen of the town was trucked out for the court to hear, to which the judge's reply can only be fairly described as sarcastic.

Present in court were two ex-defendants of the case, Ms Penny Beale, the ex-councillor of the tale, and Keith Rodway; the third defendant, Michael Bloxham is resisting the order for costs that Mr Cook would like to be awarded, spurred on, no doubt, by his earlier victories with the two-ex defendants, both of whom are 'liable' for costs.

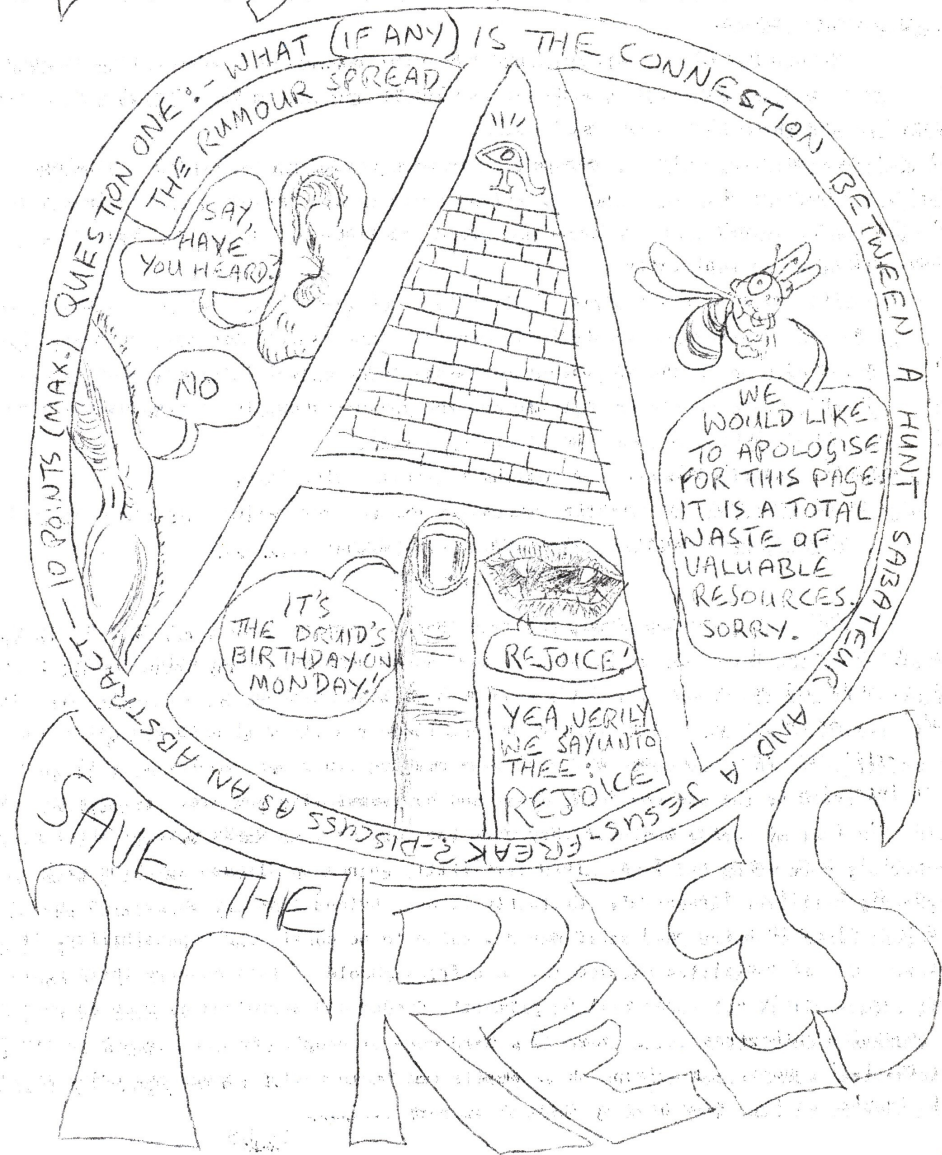
Michael presented his outline defence clearly and articulately, whilst Justice Gibson listened patiently to each and every minute detail pertaining to this sordid tale of damaged pride and feudal vengeance; the judge reminded Michael of the fact that he is 'out of time' in producing his defence, a point which counsel for the plaintiff clung to to the end. What this means is that ALL three defendants should have filed a written defence with the plaintiff's solicitors fourteen days after the service of the first writ. However, due to the fact that none of us can interpret the language of the Law, and no attempt was made by the solicitor employed at the beginning of the case to point out this rather important clause in the writ, we were all in default of the law simply by not filing a defence. So, it was up to Mick to defend his lack of defence, then outline his defence verbally in court. Stupid, huh? Welcome to the wacky world of justice, folks.

When Mick sat down, counsel for the plaintiff stood up to point out that Jack Cook is a 'respected' man in the town, chairman of this and that, doing good works for all, etc etc...Justice Gibson seemed bored by these platitudes and eventually decided that costs would be reserved in Mick's favour whilst he went away for ten days to get his shit together (my words, not Your Honour's). This is being done, but whether we'll get this thing into a court with Twelve Just Men and True is another, more involved matter. Meanwhile, watch this space...

Mr Bloxham is seventy-two.

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THE HASTINGS
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UNION

POISONPEN

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APRIL 11TH
1980

HASTINGS ANARCHIST GROUP'S ONLY WEEKLY PAPER

SMALL
HEADLINE

DRINKERS UNITE

As prices of drinks get even higher most of us are inclined to blame the government and ever increasing taxes. A report in Wednesday's Telegraph suggests that it is the publicans who are ripping us off. In the Midlands and North it seem that their mark up on a pint is between 40% and 60% but here in the South East it is around 100%. Wines and Spirits are generally well over 100%. It has often been my contention that I don't think I've ever seen a poor publican and at these profit margins it is not suprising. The North and Midlands drinking habits are different in that clubs are replacing pubs as the price of a pint can be up to 15% cheaper and this trend is spreading to London. Here in Hastings the club at Ashdown House has its drinks vastly cheaper than most pubs, but as it involves drinking with civil servants it is hardly suprising that few of us are prepared to sink to these depths for cheaper beer. Soon we will be announcing the opening of Hastings' first Anarcho-Drinking-Club! Beware Shipley, your days are numbered

..... Ecclesiasticus Geriatricus

LIBEL on page
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ANARCHISTS IN SHOCK HORROR CRASH DRAMA S^IU^ATION!..**

The events that follow are not to be read by those of a delicate or squeamish nature. On Saturday last (the 22nd) a group of local anarcho-loonies unwisely accepted a lift in the cavemobile. The afore mentioned cavemobile driven by a Cavemando on the very narrow road-St. Mary's Terrace-came into rather sharp collision with a wall. (It must be stated that this wall was very badly parked being placed as it was at the end of someones garden) The caveman then turned over thus shaking the half dozen anarchos around rather vigerlously. Owing to a broken petrol tank the evacuation of the van was a fairly hurried affair. We all then stumbled around a bit being surprised that we were all fairly O.K. The scene then became littered with Ambulances, fire engines, police cars and miscellaneous spectators and thats more or less it except:-

1. We all would like to offer our sincere and grateful thanks to those peoples who lived at the scene of the crash, they behaved in the best neighbourly way.
2. Terry and Susie who invited us all back and gave vast numbers of cups of tea etc. earned our undying gratitude. Thank you both. We love you.
3. Congratulations to the emergency services who all arrived very quickly indeed, the ambulance men and the police were both caring and considerate.
4. The only sour note was struck by the attention (or lack of it) that Melita and I received at the R.E.S.H. We have ^{made} a complaint.

The last and final point: If you see a rather battered anarchist looking a bit sorry for themselves- BUY THEM A DRINK. Just think you might have lost us forever!

Sob. sob. I..

The Vicar.....

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If you've any cash left after having provided the walking wounded with suitable amounts of medicinal alcohol, then spare a copper or two for poor ole PeePee, which strives every week to provide a fair amount of gibberish for your entertainment, information, education(!) and also makes an excellent firelighter. In order to fulfil this invaluable service, we need munny to provide typing skins, staples, paper, print etc. It's also quite pricey to keep the typisist in a suitably inebriated state....hic!....hic!.....

PROTEST MEETING AGAINST CUTS

IN SOCIAL SERVICES, ETC.

MONDAY MARCH 31ST

6.30 IN THE

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, SOUTH
TERRACE, HASTINGS — WITH

SPEAKER — RUTH LISTER, M.A.
DIRECTOR — CHILD POVERTY ACTION GROUP

CHAIRMAN

DAVID WOOD

GENERAL SECRETARY H.C.S.C.

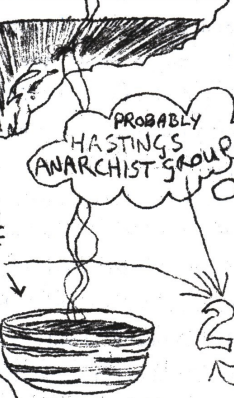
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← THE MASTHEAD →

PARSON'S PAIN

← ANT

I WANT TO KNOW WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS...

ON A HAYDEN

OUR BACH

IS WORSE THAN OUR BITE HOVEN

A BAR OF ROCK

PROBABLY HASTINGS ANARCHIST GROUP

the other ANT

ADD MUSIC for an INSTANT HIT!

WORDS WHICH RHYME - PUT THEM GETHER AT THE END OF THE LINE

FAMOUS IRISH COMPOSER MANT O'VARNEY

WHY WON'T YOU GIVE US **AND NOW** **ON TO MORE SERIOUS MATTERS**

MONEY ???????????

SOB! SOB! MOAN!!!

CRY ?????!!!

BEGIN!

We do ou best to keep this paper going, but donatie... continue to get less. We can't keep on running into debt! If we don't get some hard cash this week ther will not be a paper!!!!

- GIVE US MONEY to but things with
- GIVE US PAPER to print on
- FUCKING** GIVE US STENCILS OR CORRECTING FLUID
- OR STAPLES
- OR BLOOD
- OR SOMETHING!!!

FOR **FUCKS** SAKE CONTRIBUTE - IT'S YOUR PAPER IT DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN BY A MIRACLE EVERY WEEK PLEASE HELP!!!

WE LOVE YOU ALL - BUT WE WOULD LOVE YOU MORE IF YOU GAVE US MONEY !!!

ALL THOSE WHO GIVE WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL

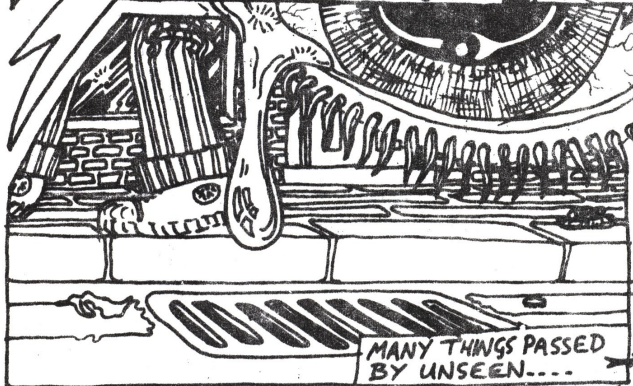
MARK 11 PRAYER WHAT MORE CAN WE DO !!!!!!!!!!!!!

OFFENSIVE
MATTER,
PLEASE IGNORE
IF UNDER 18
OR SENSITIVE

AND
NOW!

IT'S SATURDAY
MORNING...

...IN THE LEAD-LINED COFFINS OF
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BY UNSEEN....

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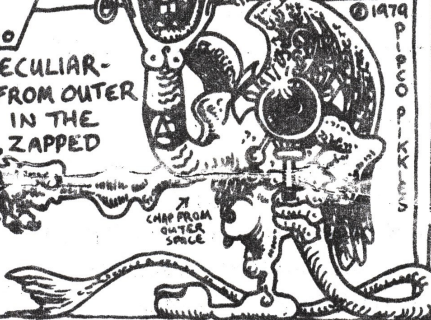


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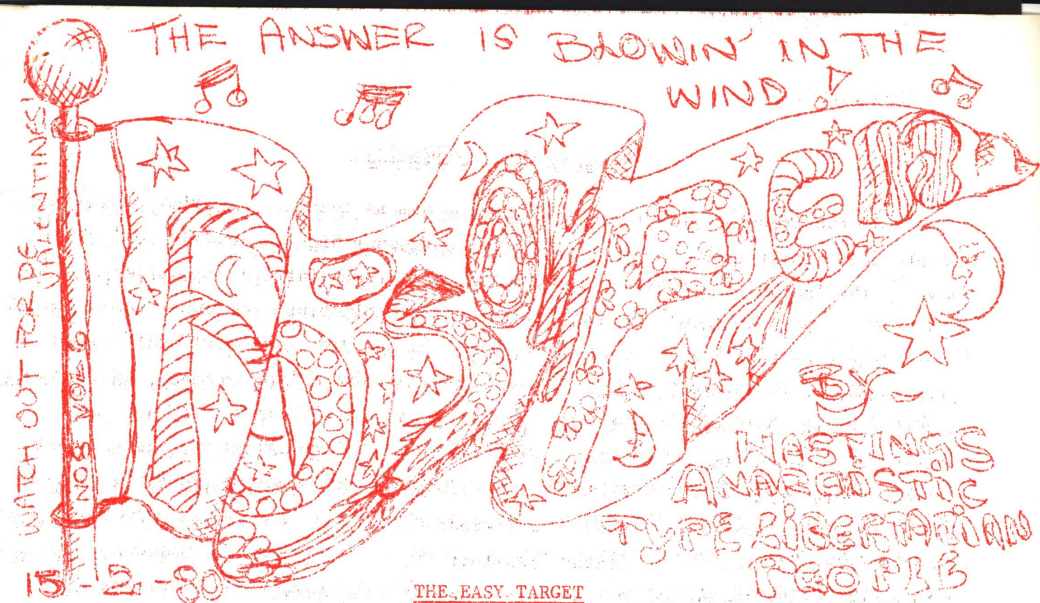
...UNHEARD BETWEEN THE
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UNTIL!...

A SOMEWHAT PECULIAR-
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SPACE LANDED IN THE
CITY CENTRE, ZAPPED
EVERYONE
WITH A STRANGE
RAY-GUN AND
TURNED THEM
INTO-----



WHAT IS THIS STRANGE CREATURE?
WILL CIVILISATION SURVIVE?
WHO IS MR. X? WHY AM I
ASKING YOU? SEE NEXT?



THE EASY TARGET

The Tories came to power with many populist cries, the main target was to be Union Reform, but the Tories, like many bullies, were soon to be backing down against a strong and united opposition. A new victim was required that would be both hated by the right-wing die-hards and also lack the power to fight back. Who else could fit this description as well as the unemployed, the 'single parent' and the poor - 'scroungers'. Who else better to put forward the idea of harassing those least able to defend themselves than hasty turncoat Reg Prentice?

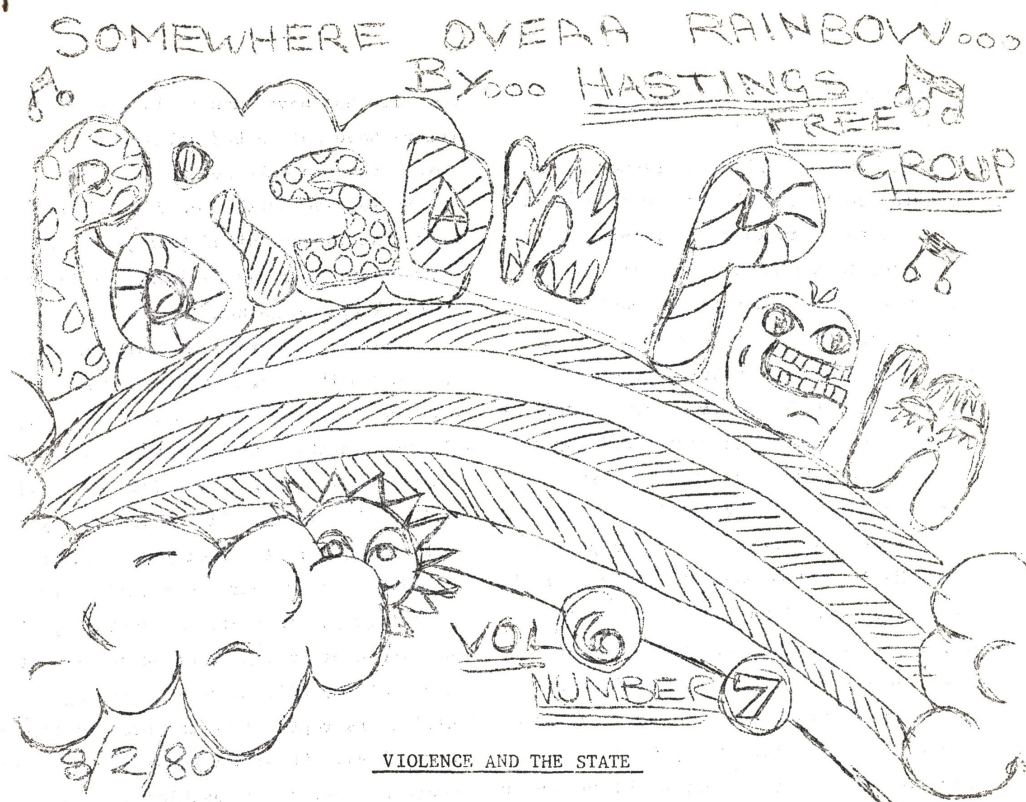
The cost of this exercise is £5,000,000 and we are told that this will save the country £50,000,000. Some very funny figures are involved here, as the last government stated that the total money defrauded was only £5,000,000. Last week I wrote of the growing violence by the State: this is yet another example of the abuse of power. Forget the media cries of 'get the scroungers!' - what this measure will mean is that those most desperate will suffer yet more abuse of their private lives. More people will be discouraged from claiming what is theirs by right. The poorest section of the community may be those least capable of fighting back, but this government may find to their cost that people can only be pushed so far.

Everybody's favourite militant, Arthur Scargill, has said that he will go to the aid of the steel men. As yet, both he and all the other union leaders seem strangely reticent when it comes to helping the Claimants' Union, but perhaps after all, it is true that the powerful only help the powerful.

Finally, I quote from Reg Prentice when on the Labour back benches: "Every new piece of Tory legislation is designed not to get people into employment, but to frighten people off the employment register." Well said, Reg - at least once in your life you told the truth.

.....da Vikka.





The popular press loves to beguile its readers with stories of violent subversives who, it seems, daily threaten our continued existence. But stop and think for a moment how much mayhem, committed by anarchists or any leftist group has happened in this country over the last few years? The answer is, of course, virtually none at all. Let us look at the violence perpetuated by the State itself. Here in Hastings we have seen obvious example. We have all heard the reports of the confused old lady who, believing she had already paid her rates, refused to pay the amounts demanded. Instead of being offered sympathetic help she was dragged off to prison. I use the word dragged because I doubt that she went willingly. That is violence. Violence by the courts, the police and warders. Who has heard of anarchists doing anything as violent as that? Who can't think of a dozen cases of State violence against the individual. In both Germany and Italy groups evidently fought back when the State became ever more vicious in its methods. It hasn't happened here yet but there is a growing anger. As ye sow the wind shall so shall you reap the whirlwind..... Vicar

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This issue of 'Poison Pen' is dedicated to Mrs. Margaret Cutts for her wonderful dress-sense and charming personality (silly hats not taken into account), and for being the most appropriately named Tory candidate in the local elections.

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JACK COOK

THE END OF AN ERA...



NOTICE

POISON PEN NEEDS PREMESIS SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO HAVE AN OUTLET FOR THE PAPER AND BE ABLE TO ASSIST THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WE SUPPORT. SINCE THE LIBEL CASE IT BECOMES O VIOUS THAT ANY TRADING VENTURE CAN BE MADE BANKRUPT AS IT IS AN IMMEDIATE TARGET FOR OUR ENEMIES. ANY BACKSTREET HOVEL WOULD DO. WE WOULD HOPE TO PAY RUNNING COSTS BY WORKING ALONG 'CHARITY SHOP' LINES, SELLING BOOKS, OLD CLOTHING AND ALL KINDS OF INTERESTING RUBBISH THAT WE FEEL PEOPLE MIGHT LIKE TO PART WITH PENNIES FOR. WE COULD ALSO SET UP THE PRINTING GEAR THERE AND MIGHT BE ABLE TO RAISE A FEW COPPERS THAT WAY AS WELL. ANYONE WHO KNOWS ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE SUITABLE OR HAS ANY BRIGHT IDEAS, PLEASE CONTACT MYSELF OR ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COLLECTIVE THROUGH THE USUAL SOURCES. THANX!

(The Last Vicar in the Cosmos)



FROM the 'CIVILISATION' (?)
 THAT'S TRYING TO bring you the
 IIIrd WORLD WAR WE BRING YOU
 (while there's still time)

POISON PEN

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VICAR RAVES

NIK TURNER GIG - FALAISE HALL

About 300 people turned up at the Falaise Hall for a splendid evenings entertainment. Excellent organization ensured that everything went without a hitch. For only £1.50 there were three bands plus cartoons and films.

First on were the GOOD MISSIONARIES, a band worthy of far better than the warm-up spot. Their music is hard to classify, sometimes New Wave, sometimes with a definite Jazz feel but always interesting. Visually they lacked the flair that probably only comes with confidence but with more public exposure they should achieve considerable success. One thing is certain, they make you think and that has got to be a good thing.

The second band were called CRACKED MIRROR and as they modelled themselves on Status Quo I managed to avoid most of their set. Those who like that sort of thing said they were pretty good.

Last, and by no means least, came Nik Turner's INNER CITY UNIT. A worthy top of the bill at almost any level. They play rock as loudly and aggressively as the very best. Visually they are splendid, and what a relief to have Nik get all the bores up off their arses and bopping. Great Stuff!

All this amazing entertainment was brought to you by the legendary old hippy Clive Richardson. Well done Clive! Flushed with the success of the evening there were talks of gigs to come. I heard two names mentioned - Edgar Broughton, and Roy Harper. If this goes on, rumours about the imminent death of Hastings will have to be denied

THIS IS POISON Rev A

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WHEN IS HASTINGS ANARCHIST GROUP?

THE COUNCIL ELECTION BLUES!!!!

It will come as no surprise to readers of PP that not all the councilors are fans ours. In general it is also true to say that we think very little of them. The forthcoming elections that are to take place in May seem a likely venue where battle may once again commence. Such is our pity for the electorate who live in the Old Town ward (they are 'represented' by Messrs. J. Cook and Sefton - the Ayatollah - Ulmer) that we hope to have a sympathetic candidate standing there. This in no way alters our belief that this method of electing people is totally undemocratic and that no one should be allowed to 'represent' anyone else. Delegate - Yes. Representative - No.

It is also possible that we may field a number of SILLY candidates, this will mean that we may require some householders to nominate a candidate - this involves no financial outlay, full details to follow in the future. We don't expect to alter things very much but we may be able to dent the egos of some of our complacent, arrogant toads who have mis-managed this town for so long The Vicar

MUSICAL NOTE

The Carlisle springs to life again!

Saturday 2nd February sees that return of the unimitable DUBIOUS CONNECTION, introducing Damien on lead guitar, with Andy-vocals/rythm, Min-Sax, Rgy-Bass/Vocals and Fearless Fred-Drums/Verbal. Supporting are Roger Hubbards DELTA WING, and something else - probably a DISCO. Tickets can be obtained from the usual places (wherever they are) and members of the band(I think) - Well worth 80p. If you're early you'll find it starts at 7.45. If you're still there you'll find it ends at midnight. Care may be needed on the stairs this time, as nocturnal Cavemen are rumoured to fly down them on occasion. Alexander P. Movegrove (111 - third)

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NO RULES o.k.?

WHERE HAVE ALL THE TIE PISSED PERSONS GONE?

If this is a rather slim P.P. the simple reason is our total lack of typists. Keith no longer has time to do all the work he used to do. Mr. Army-Jacket has promised to help when he has time but we need more of you to come and do your bit.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.....Unless you want to see us reduced to about two pages a week.....HELP TYPE THE PAPER

To make things even worse if we don't get another typewriter even typists will be of no use. Does anyone out there know where we can buy an electric very very cheap?

OBITUARY

Concorde of legendary taxi fame have gone to the great cab in the sky. When our reporter went to collect our weekly blackmail money (sorry contribution) he found they had gone-departed-died. Alas they are no more.

This means there is now a vacancy for a new anarchic taxi firm to drive P.P. members around town. Who will get the coveted job. We await offers. Thomases? Scotts? Look for next weeks thrilling adverts.

Seriously. Good luck Tony and Graham in your next venture.....The Vicar.

the Legion of Dynamic Discord
PRESENTS:

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"I am the Warlord of
the 40's - and the 80's
shall cower before me."

Thus spake AIWASS, a 'spirit' via ALEISTER CROWLEY (sage,
magus & former Hastings resident), as recorded in the BOOK
OF THE LAW. He was right about the 40's - - -
BUT ON TO MORE SERIOUS MATTERS: -

THE ADVERTS

"SOLSTICE" is a seedy, run-down, second-hand bookshop
specialising in the occult & piles of dust - these piles
of dust are called Michael & Philip & can be reached at
429537 or 127, BOHEMIA RD, ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA

"UNNORMALLITY" is a seedy, run-down, second-hand record
shop in the Old Town run by the Electric Keith McHabit.
Speak to him at: 439217 or call in person at: -
906, High Street, Old Town, Hastings, Sussex

"CONCORDE" is a seedy, run-down, second-hand taxi
service whose courtesy and punctuality are legendary:
seek them out at: 424020 (Hastings that is)

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SPRINGING INTO THE '80's WITH.....

PARSON'S PAIN

A SPECIAL NON-EXISTENT ISSUE OF POISON PEN

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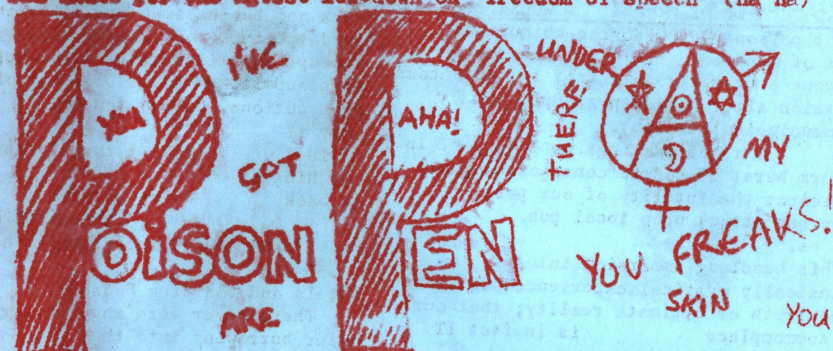
SPECIAL INTERIM NEW YEAR NON-ISSUE...POISON PEN NOT IMPRISONED ON LIBEL CHARGE SHOCK HORROR ... JACK COOK OFFICIALLY DECLARED 'NOT HORRID'...POISON PEN GIG GOES AHEAD... INTO THE EIGHTIES WITH THE HASTINGS ANARCHIST GROPE...SEXIST FILTH RULES OK?

As you probably read in last week's issue, there is no Poison Pen this week. There is this instead, the world's only non-existent once-only anarchist paper... Any connection with Poison Pen is entirely coincidental.

So what really happened at the High Court on Thursday December 20th? Were the three defendants stripped of their honour, drummed out of the squadron, shunned by polite society...? Not really. An injunction was granted forbidding the three defendants to distribute the issue of the Poison Pen, in the future, which allegedly defamed Jack Cook. All that this means is that one issue of Poison Pen which would never have been re-produced or reprinted, for whatever reason, will now LEGALLY never be re-produced or printed. Big deal.

All you music fanz should watch out for Corporal Punishment's new fanzine, Out of Print 2, which features all sorts of poorly printed and almost unreadable articles about various aspects of the punk/new wave thing...published by the Hastings Free Press, who also bring you this fab gear mind-extracting leaflet, and costing 25p from most sensible book and record shops, of which there are only two in Hastings, namely SOLSTICE of 127 Bohemia Road, where the Furry Pip and the Ageing await your custom with firearms at the ready, and UNNORMALITY, Hastings' very own record shop and record libel.

Apologies to Mike M. for the damage done to his article on pg. 2.
It has always been our policy to print any article verbatim, but
we hardly expected to get stomped on by the?bauratic?hardes...
SEE BELOW for the latest low-down on 'freedom of speech' (ha ha)



Vol. 5 No. 14 - Hastings Anarchist Group denies it all and claims it's a
nice boy really and very kind to animals - December 14th 1972 - 50p???

PP. IN LIBEL CASE SHOCK HORROR

IN THE MIDST OF A PERIOD OF GENERAL WIFEDNESS, WE BRING YOU NEWS
Of bizzare happenings at 'Solstice', 'Unnormality' and a private
home in the Old Town. Three people have been singled out to receive
summonses for LIBEL... The 'libel' is alleged to have been printed in
POISON PEN Vol. 5, No. 1 and is alleged to have concerned a local
councillor, Mr. J. Cook. Two of the persons summoned, Mike Bloxham
and Kieth Rodway, are proprietors of Solstice and Unnormality
respectively, both stockists of P.P.. The other summons was served,
for reasons best known to the plaintiff and his solicitors, on
former Labour Councillor, Ms. Penny Beale. The case comes up on
Dec. 20th at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, giving
the 'defendants' 6 days to prepare a defence (or something). Mr. Cook
is suing for damages. These individuals have got no money... the P.P.
Collective, Hastings Free Press, Hastings Anarchist Group and none of
us have got any money. Now, more than ever, we need your support. We
cannot afford to fight a libel case without your help. Please give
anything you can to wards solicitors fees and (heaven forbid) damages...

THEY SEEK IT HERE - THEY SEEK IT THERE --- What Pen? POISON

Vol. 5 No. 13 HASTINGS ANARCHIST GROUP LOVES YOU

NUCLEAR AGGRO 40p TO SOLICITORS CLERKS AND OTHERS

For the past three weeks, the awful drabness of the memorial has been slightly relieved by the appearance of a small yellow stall festooned with smiling suns. It was manned by intrepid (a description merited by hindsight) anti-nuclear campaigners, peacefully attempting to explain to the people of Hastings that nuclear just isn't the answer (to anything), and obtaining signatures for safe energy petitions. Hardly a subversive activity (despite the odd allegation that Arthur Scargill is devoted to ensuring that all white patriotic Britons freeze in the dark) and certainly not constituting an obstruction. Until December the 4th, the many and varied authorities in Hastings had ignored them. (it is impossible that they were unaware of the anti-nuclear activity). But last Saturday, what could have been expected, happened. A police officer (apparently very recently returned from holiday) couldn't endure it. Amid threats to arrest sundry passers by for obstruction (to what?) and in a manner of dubious correctness, he proceeded to "seize" a number of leaflets, clipboards containing signed petitions, a rota list and what-not, and a donation tin. Justification for this peremptory confiscation (given after he explained his intention) was that an offence might be being committed, and that the said property could be evidence. But so far no charges have been referred, the council apparently do not want to know, and it is being left to the officers discretion. But nor, as yet, has the property been returned (though it has been suggested it will be).

This incident would be ludicrous were there not some disturbing aspects. It seems the group is under suspicion (as evidenced by the officers questions) merely because it does not go in for a bureaucratic hierarchical structure; there are no leaders, no secretaries and chairpersons - in short, no-one to nab. More serious is the seizure of material containing a large number of names and addresses. There is no assurance that this material will not be copied in some way before it is returned. The police have not even let the Lindorpe commission (into data collection and privacy) have access to their computer, and it is well known that much of the material stored in it is of the nature of suspicion rather than fact. Remember what they turned up when prospective jury members were recently vetted? Finally, would a pro-nuclear group have been subjected to the same treatment?Pseudonym...

LET'S GET IT CLEAR ONCE AND FOR ALL - NECESSARILY
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IS IT? COULD IT BE? WHEN WERE THEY? HOW
COULD YOU? BUT I NEVER --- IT WAS -- OH --
I THOUGHT **POISON** **FREE** VOL. 5 NO. 11
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SPECIAL NEGATIVE ISSUE. NO GOOD NEWS WHATSOEVER? EACH PAGE GUARANTEED TO CONTAIN SPECULATIONS OF IMPENDING DOOM, LIBELLOUS AND SCANDALOUS REFERENCES TO THOSE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR. VENEMOUS VERMYN STRIKES! FRIENDS OF THE EARTH REVEALED! MIDDLE CLASS TOADINESS ABOUNDS! SPECIAL QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS! THE WHOLE TRUTH TOLD!

Is Bernard Spray the man on whom Smiley of 'Wanker, Wailer, Welder, Why?' - the famous spy story by writer and chef-de-cuisine Robert le Carrier, was based? No. It was not. The answer is in the Negative. Is Hastings Council an elaborate network of political intelligence agents, masterminded by a triumvirate of homosexuals, financed by the sale of worthless 'artworks' garnered from junk shops in the Old Town and sold at vastly inflated prices to Buckingham Palace? No. Once again, we repeat - no.

Is Dungeness and its surrounding areas - including Hastings - in danger of being annihilated by an explosion caused by an accident at one of its plants? Will we all die slowly of horrid diseases, give birth to mutations, contract cancer from eating seafood contaminated by radioactive gunk leaking from waste storage vats? OF COURSE NOT! Good Lord no! Do Rye Friends of Earth Care? NO.

Is Hastings Council REALLY going to commit mass infanticide by sending little children gagged and blindfolded across busy roads at peak traffic times? NEVER. Is this all a lot of long-haired pinko gibberish? OF COURSE NOT.

Finally, the questionnaire results. Startlingly enough, all you anarchists have responded in true anarchist fashion - by doing nothing! By failing to fill in the questionnaire you have shown the contempt and ridicule you rightly felt when asked to fill the damn thing in! A swipe at our bureaucratic system. Great stuff! Fewer replies arrived from abroad than from anywhere else, thus showing a resounding show of solidarity from no less than eight continents!+ from every major city in the world, including Tehran! No questionnaire's have flooded in from members of the Royal Family, showing an unexpected wave in our direction from good ol' Betty Windsor and her chummy brigade. And, in keeping with current media trends, we can boast a full complement of NO representations from Outer Space. The Mars and Venus Amalgamated Anarchists sent in a stunningly low number of completed questionnaires in; though of course the intergalactic post office may be on strike, in which case they will take a few light years to reach us.

These results are ENCOURAGING. It shows that no matter what we do, your basic attitude has not changed one bit. We apologise most profusely to all those who have returned their questionnaires for implying that their attitudes may have altered. We apologise for anything we say that might not upset somebody.

Long Live Negativism!

AN EXERCISE IN FREUDIAN ANALYSIS :- OF :

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WHAT IS
POISON PEN?

ANARCHISTS - BORING OLD FARTS OR HEROES OF THE REVOLUTION?

In its thirteen months of existence Poison Pen has existed largely to express the views of ordinary people about the things they see and feel that are wrong with the society they live in, and to suggest improvements. It is not always well-written, correctly spelt, well laid out, or whatever, but it is honest and straightforward - read that as 'outspoken' if you like, or 'intolerant', but the emotional responses of 'ordinary' people can never be as articulate as 'trained' journalists, but neither are they so bland, or as sycophantic to their advertisers and readership.

P.P. has received much criticism, some in the form of praise and some in the form of outrage and anger, and we feel that the fact that it is free gives us an excuse, if any is needed, to print more or less what we want to. However, feelings within the Collective and from some of our readers suggest that Poison Pen is rapidly outliving its usefulness, that it has become jaded and predictable; or 'irrelevant' as one journalist put it.

So what do you think? Is P.P. stuck in an ongoing neither-of-use-to-man-nor-beast situation, or is it the Voice of the People, the torch-bearer of the Revolution, lighting the Way Ahead...etc etc...

We would like to know what you think, so turn to the back page and there you will find a questionnaire. Please fill this in and return it to us. It's easy and will only occupy a few moments of your time. If you don't fill it in we'll know that you're really bothered one way or another, which will tell us all we need to know. But if you want to make a positive response, we'd be very grateful.

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VERY WONDERFUL — MIKE M ——— S

9/11/79

LOLLIPOP AXE

Part of the local spending cuts soon to be put into operation is the proposed axeing of twelve lollipop men from school crossings in the town. This means that in certain areas at certain times it might be positively dangerous for kids to cross the road to get in or out of school.

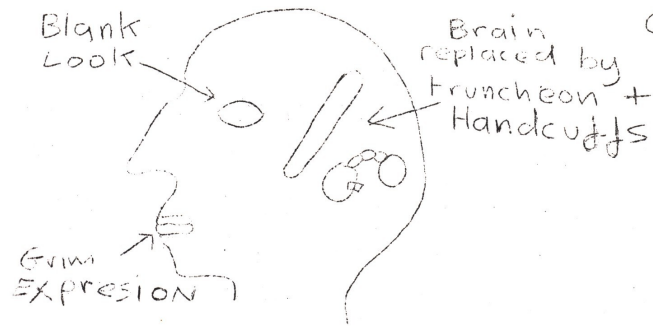
Not long ago a child was run over on such a crossing. Fortunately the child's father was a senior consultant at St Helen's Hospital, so the best treatment was available and the child survived its unpleasant ordeal. In future, however, this is not very likely to be the case. It could be your child. Does this worry you?

If so, you are urged to attend a public meeting at the Hastings Community Services Council offices on next Thursday. By doing this you may officially register your concern that this valuable service is being withdrawn in an attempt to save a few miserable pounds and thus leave more money to hire SS investigators and hit men and countless hordes of plain-clothed policemen to go around bugging people for smoking dope.

So never fear - while our children are being slaughtered on the school crossings their parents are being locked up for trying to exist in this increasingly perplexingly society.

Common sense rules, OK?

THE BACK PAGE...



Authority is an
ILLUSION caused by
OBEDIENCE



THE PEOPLE'S FLAG IS

POISON RAIN

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ARE YOU
RATIONAL?

Freedom? Oh yes, I'd almost forgotten it existed...

DHSS APPLY FOR AMS LICENCES...FIRING SQUADS SET UP FOR PERSISTENT CLAIMANTS...

Social Security investigators have been issued with binoculars to help them catch the 'scroungers and fiddlers' at present rampant in our society. Should anyone spot an SS person in an attempt to catch someone out on the cohabiting rule, steamed up binoculars taking careful aim at the offending bedroom window, I suggest they have him arrested as a peeping Tom. We are also informed that they lurk near fruit and vegetable picking areas in the hope of catching someone working whilst claiming. I feel we would be neglecting our duty, should we be fortunate enough to catch one of them spying, were we to allow either the DHSS man or his binoculars to escape unscathed. Once again we ask our readers to name these so-called investigators so that we may all know the enemy. Surely there is someone who works at DHSS^{WHICH} is not too far gone, too depraved and corrupted to make one decent gesture and pass along the information. We NEVER reveal our sources. The Vicar. (inspired from a warning by G. Orwell).

NEW SMALLER SIZE!! LESS WORDS NEWS PICTURES!

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BUT FIRST, A LOOK AT HOW OUR WONDERFUL LEGAL SYSTEM ENSURES

JUSTICE FOR ALL!

JUSTICE? YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING.

Ex-London police officer Brian Palmer raided a bank with a loaded shotgun and stole £800. When facing arrest he threatened a policeman with the gun. During the trial he told the court that he had fallen on hard times and he needed the money. Judge Leonard accepted his plea and instead of sending him down put him on probation for three years. (Source for this bit is the Oct/Nov issue of News Release).

A local looney who managed to shoot himself in the leg whilst attempting to rob Newtime Foods recently lost his appeal against the severity of his sentence. He was put down for SEVEN years. Hewas twenty-two years old.

In this week's Hastings Observer we hear how 'painstaking detective work tracked down a fruit picker falsely claiming benefit. "Fifty three year old Denis Hesmer had claimed for £132.40 he was not entitled to. He was sentenced to six months in jail. The cost of the painstaking detective work or how long it took was not revealed.

More from this week's Hastings Observer. In this case a fourteen year old youth had demanded money from another youth and bit him in the mouth. The report ends with these words from magistrate Marjorie Lister: "You are not being sent away today. You are an extremely fortunate young man to have supportive parents prepared to obtain a lawyer for you and stand by you." The inference seems to be 'You're lucky you're not a yob whose parents are unemployed and couldn't afford the expense of legal fees.'

All the above reports have come to my notice in the last week. Anyone who is not convinced that justice in this country is nothing but a sick joke should read

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GREAT THING! IT'S ENORMOUS.

IT'S

NOT
GRITTY
THAN
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GENEROUSLY?
READ ON---

We've said it all before.

Free alternative paper...blah blah...must not demand money - rely on the discretion of the individual for contribution towards cost...blah blah...no paid advertisements, therefore no sycophantic editorial, no responsibility to vested-interest cheque-book patrons...gabble gabble...paper to be for everyone to use, to express private or personal views...etc etc. Ad nauseam. You must be tired of it by now.

BUT IT'S STILL TRUE THAT WE NEED MONEY.

The paper, each copy of Poison Pen that you read, takes time and money to produce and we do not want to have to charge for it. This issue is sixteen sides long, and is our biggest to date. So far we have been fortunate in that the paper we use has been given to us. Now this generous act of patronage is being withdrawn. In other words, we must begin paying for the paper. This means our very own Spending Cut - slimmer issues, cheaper materials, yes value for no money - as from NEXT WEEK. And at a time when so many people now rely on it to both glean information and express their opinions.

PLEASE TRY TO HELP. We've begged before and the response has been very good, but only for a limited time. Memories remain short. We do not like printing this sort of sob story, but it really is necessary.

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COUNCILLOR? (A LOGICAL
STEP----

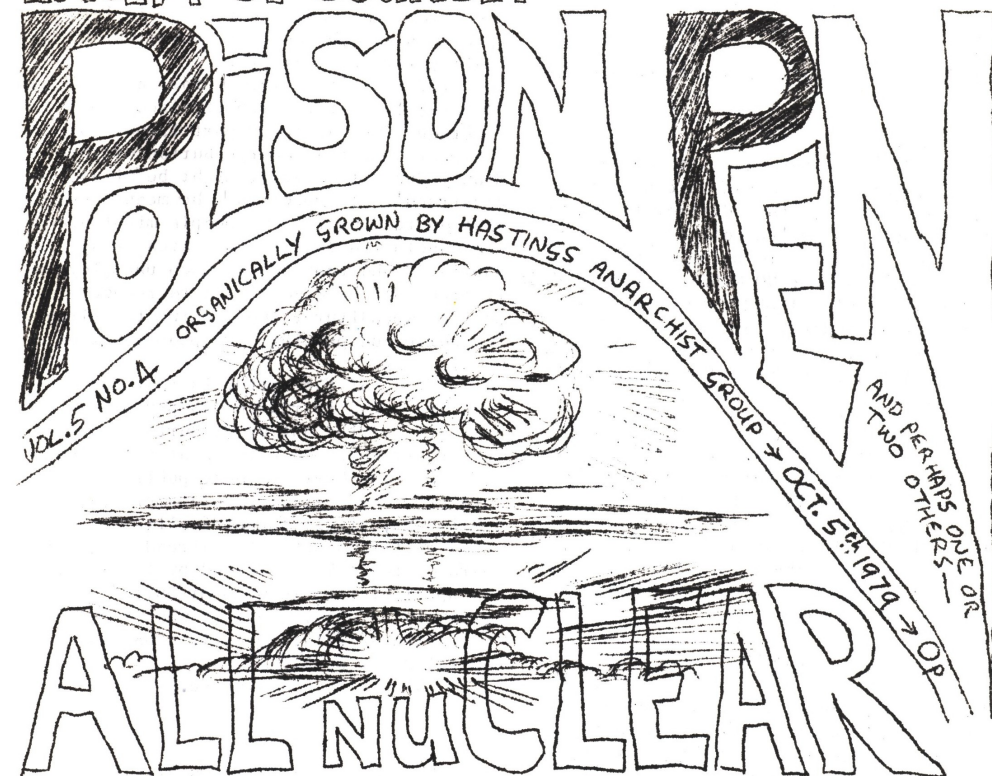
One news snippet that came Poison Pen's way is that our superstar slum landlord friend T. Brooks is considering standing as local councillor. It's a pretty horrific thought on quick reflection; that is until you stand and consider the other scum floating around just beneath the surface of the Town Hall. Wonder which political roof he's hoping to shelter under? Still with the official recognition and sanction his heavies are obviously in danger of redundancy since he can now turn to the other heavy mob sandwiched somewhere in between the Fire Station and the Magistrates Court.

CLAIMANTS UNION ✓ DHSS (PART 6, 843, 921)
OR * FAREWELL S.B.C. ---

It's come to the Claimant's Union attention via a story in New Society that major changes may be imminent within the interior of the DHSS. The article mentions the fact the Commission is in danger of abolition...Donnison bye bye. Changes include automatic lump sum payments to replace broad areas of past discretion will inevitably significantly reduce the role of the SBC.

At present the Commission remains ultimately responsible for millions of decisions made at local and regional SS offices. It thus shields government ministers from direct responsibility for the continuous maltreatment of claimants. With the extermination of the Commission by Tory daleks responsibility would either pass onto the Secretary of State or, more likely, officials (come in again Mr Man) at local levels who would gain legal powers to award or refuse benefit / PTO

1 IN SUSSEX, NO-ONE CAN HEAR YOU DREAM-
EXCEPT OF COURSE:



FIGHT THE NUCLEARMENACE.

As you may be aware it is planned to build a new nuclear power station at Dungeness. Why is this such a disaster you may ask; we seem to have very little bother with the ones we have at the moment.

There are two reasons to oppose ALL nuclear development.

1. The waste produced from these power stations remains radioactive for many thousands of years.
2. Fast breeder reactors produce the required material for atomic weapons and ensure the proliferation of these appalling devices.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

All over the world people are uniting to oppose nuclear power. The dangers are too great compared with any doubtful advantage that might accrue.

We must let the authorities know that we don't want a potential atomic disaster on our doorstep.

Are you aware that the type of reactor that they propose to build is of the same design and manufactured by the same company as the one that so nearly exploded in Harrisburg in the USA?

FIGHT BACK

On Saturday 13th of this month there is to be a protest march from the top of the High Street to the memorial. The march will start at 10.15 in the morning and as many people as possible will turn up 'dressed' for the occasion, i.e. mutants, scientists, business men etc. The idea being to make as great an impact as possible. This demonstration is being supported by the Ecology Party, Friends of the Earth, Hastings Anarchist Group and by concerned individuals of all political persuasions. This is a cause that should unite everyone - we have only one planet and we have to share it. Don't let them destroy our future. For us, our children and our children's / PTO

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O.K?
(WHAT THE HELL IS IT THOUGH?)

SPECIAL SERIOUS ISSUE! SHOCK...WEEDLE...PASTE AND CUCUMBER...

STARRING: RALPH HERRIES as THE ALIEN * BRIGHTON DRUG SQUAD as THE INTERGALACTIC
HAIRDRESSING FEDERATION * HASTINGS COUNCIL as THE MUSHROOM FREAKS...in a tale of
smalltown intrigue, of frustrated power-freaks, of blackmail and lust, of cheap,
sordid, petty, bourgeois back-stabbing and double dealing. But first, enter the Alien..
AMATEUR WELFARE DRAMATICS.

At the close of last week's 'welfare on the cheap discussion' at St Leonards
Parish Church Hall, Ralph Herries stood up for what he hoped was going to be his finest
hour. Herries is the not-quite-departed Chairman of the Hastings Community Services
Council. He is soon to relinquish his post and retire gently and gracefully some-
where in the West Country. But before then a touching final appeal must be made
to his ever faithful and lamenting followers. Ahead of this loyal army of volunteers
lay the Russian Winter; a season of icy Tory-planned cutbacks. With front line
social services mercenaries everywhere under Thatcherite assault, he must, like a true
General (Napoleon?) marshal his remaining welfare volunteers and close ranks against
this threatened government offensive.

'We must rally round and pool our resources' was his final tragic plea, and trust
that his departure from the scene was not regarded as a cop out.

In reality not only he but the whole evening was to prove one big cop out. It was
such a cosy respectable communal gathering under God's roof where a demure audience
sat listening in tranquility to a 'reasonable' programme that would vociously cripple
welfare aid to the Hastings elderly and disabled. Herries had just chaired a cost-
cutting exercise with hardly a murmur of dissent. He'd become part and parcel of a
Tory crusade that was intent on transferring the burden of responsibility for community
care onto the shoulders of a weak assortment of local voluntary do-gooders. /continued

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AS TINA CLIMBED IN BESIDE HIM, ONE GLANCE AT HER EAGER, LOVELY FACE WAS ENOUGH TO CONVINCE PETER WHITE, A FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER, THAT A NEW PHASE HAD BEGUN IN HIS LIFE. THIS WAS THE GIRL HE HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR, BUT NEVER

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I'M AFRAID I WON'T BE ABLE TO PAY YOU, I ONLY HAVE A FEW SHILLINGS

FOR A POT OF TEA, HE WAS

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WHY NOT? WE'VE GOT SOMETHING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT

OKAY, THIS IS IT... I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THE GOOSEBERRY STUFF...

THANKS A LOT, MY FIRST DAY CAN BE A LOT BETTER

I TAPPED ON TO HIM AS IF IT WERE THE MOST NATURAL THING IN THE WORLD. WHY I'M HANGIN' AROUND HERE, IT'S ALL WRONG!

SHOULDN'T YOU BE ENJOYING YOURSELF HERE?

SUPPOSE SO... BACK TO REALITY...

AND GUMS TO THE TOOTHLESS! GOODNESS, I'LL HAVE TO SEE A DENTIST IF THIS GOES ON

from their elbows.

THEY CAN HAVE A WONDERFUL RECEPTION ON

THE POLICE ARRIVED...

BACK TO REALITY... AND I'M KIND OF GLAD...

ANYTHING I CAN DO?

BUT HE HAD SOMETHING... SORT OF APPEALING...

SURE, SIR... WE HAVEN'T CHECKED THE CASUALTIES...

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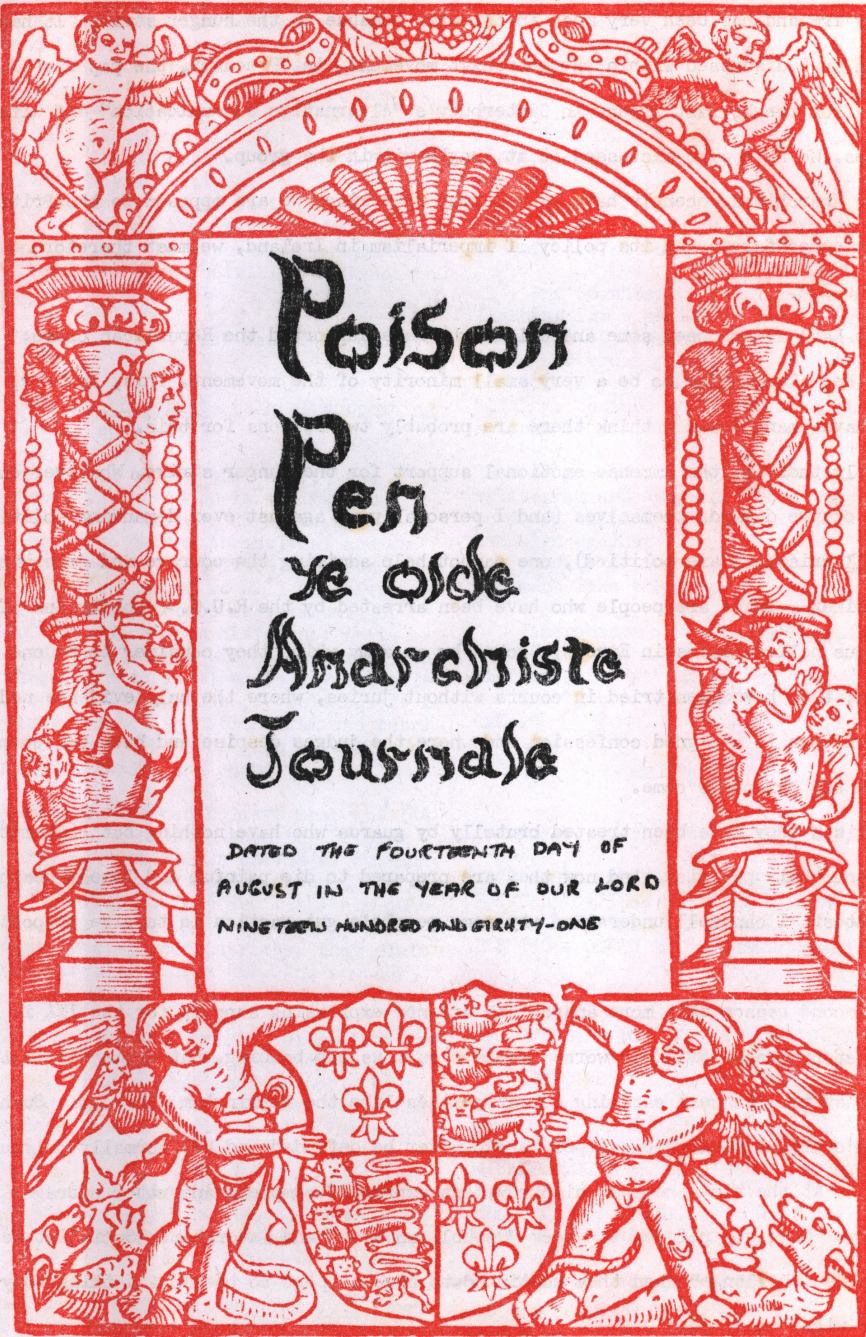
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ANTI-APARTHEID ACTION IN HASTINGS

SITTING QUIETLY in the shop last Monday morning, the phone rang. Nothing unusual, you might think, except that the caller purported to be a member of the 'Steve Biko Group'. No, I'd never heard of them either. The caller was of foreign extraction and would not give his name or say where he was calling from, and his message was very garbled, but this is the gist of it:

"Saturday was a brick. Soon will come the molotov. Barclays will pay! Pay for their involvement with South Africa! Remember Biko! Remember Soweto! Remember...as Barclays burns!"

No sooner had I scribbled all this down than he replaced the receiver, leaving me none the wiser as to what it was all about. Naturally, I thought it was some gibbering loon, but further investigation has revealed that a branch of Barclays bank at Silverhill did in fact have its window broken on Saturday night.

It seems Barclays have declined to comment on the incident, and it's not known if this sort of thing has been occurring elsewhere in the country, but with the current upsurge of anti-apartheid protests around the world and judging from the determined tones of my anonymous caller, Barclays is going to be in for quite a lot more stick for its involvement in South Africa.

If anybody knows any more about the 'Steve Biko Group' or hears of any other if its activities, please let us know.

Gosh- aren't we honoured to be let in on all these things?? Reagan didn't tell us about the neutron bomb, which was a bit naughty, but perhaps he'll tell us when he declares war so we can beat the Observer to reporting it.

Still, we support the 'Steve Biko Group' in its aims and would suggest if you use Barclays that you think again.

.....melita.....

28th AUGUST 1981

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WATCH OUT...WATCH OUT... WATCH OUT.....

RELIABLE SOURCES INFORM US THAT THERE IS
LIKELY TO BE A SURGE OF ACTIVITY BY THE
DRUGS SQUAD. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE
MAIN TARGET WILL BE THOSE DEALING IN
SPEED BUT OBVIOUSLY EVERYONE WITH DOPE
OR WHATEVER SHOULD TAKE GREAT CARE.
YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

WATCH
OUT!

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Poisoning a good reputation

I WOULD like you to know that I was given a copy of a rather silly leftist magazine called Poison Pen.

I had a browse just to see what sort of nonsense was being written when, to my surprise I came across an article claiming to be by your reporter Barbara Veness.

I would have thought this was likely to bring your reader.

Excellent paper into dispute. I must admit that when I read one of her articles in the Observer I will wonder whether she is writing for you tongue-in-cheek. I know that I have read your paper for over 20 years and I have always supported your attitudes.

Your somewhat puzzled Name and address supplied. Editor's reply: The article in Poison Pen was a tasteless spoof. I can assure you our chief reporter Barbara Veness would have nothing to do with the self-styled anarchists publication.

OH BOY THEY'RE GONNA LOVE US WHEN THEY FIND OUT WHO WROTE THIS! FULL STORY - PAGE 3